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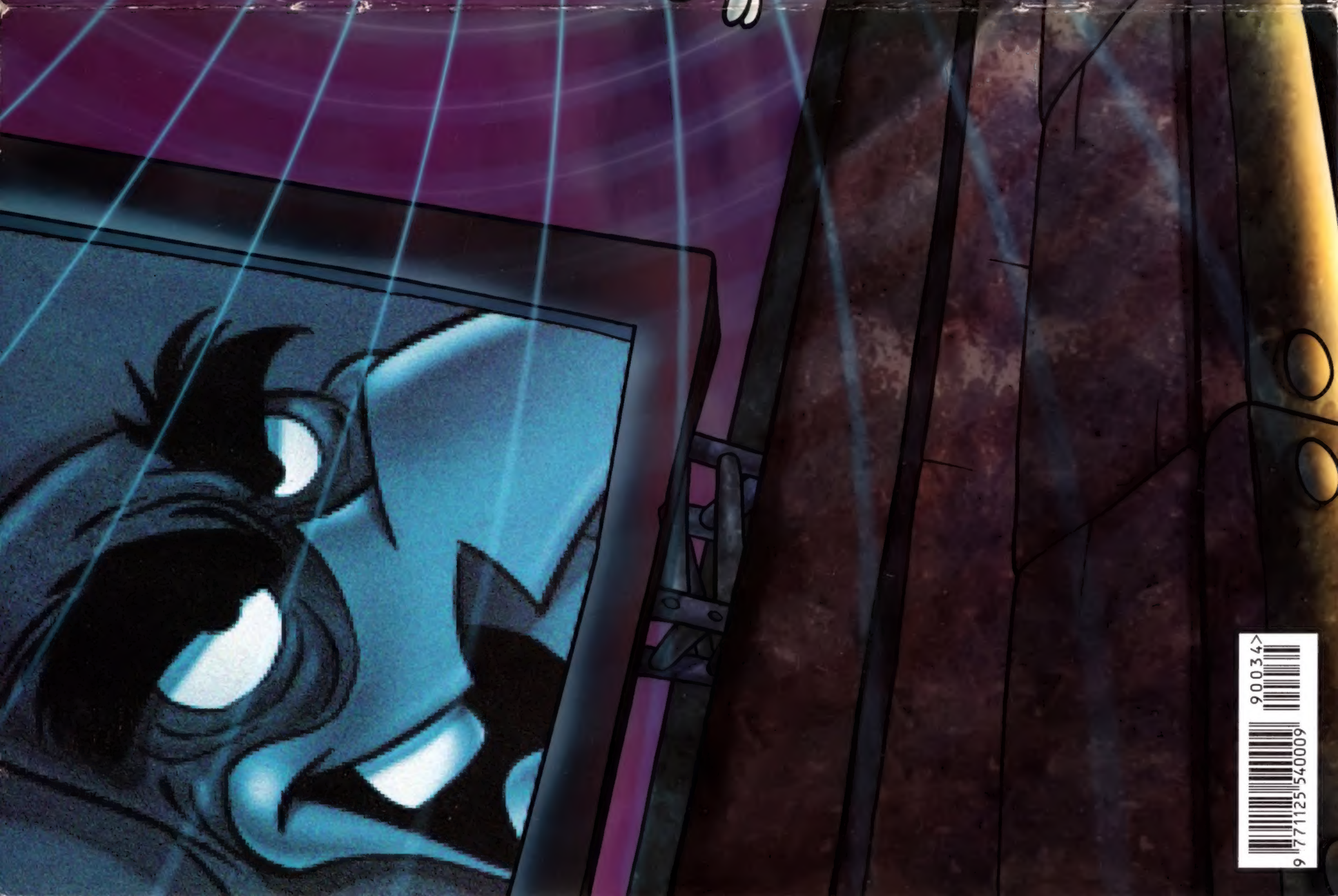

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THE YEAR IS 2015.
THE CITY IS DUCKBURG.
MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE LAST TIME YOU SAW IT.
THIS WAY, PEOPLE!
TO YOUR RIGHT IS KILLMOTOR HILL, ON WHICH THE CITY'S MOST POPULAR EDIFICE STANDS...
... THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE!
WOW!
WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE DOWN IN THE PARK?
HMM... IT LOOKED BIGGER ON TV!
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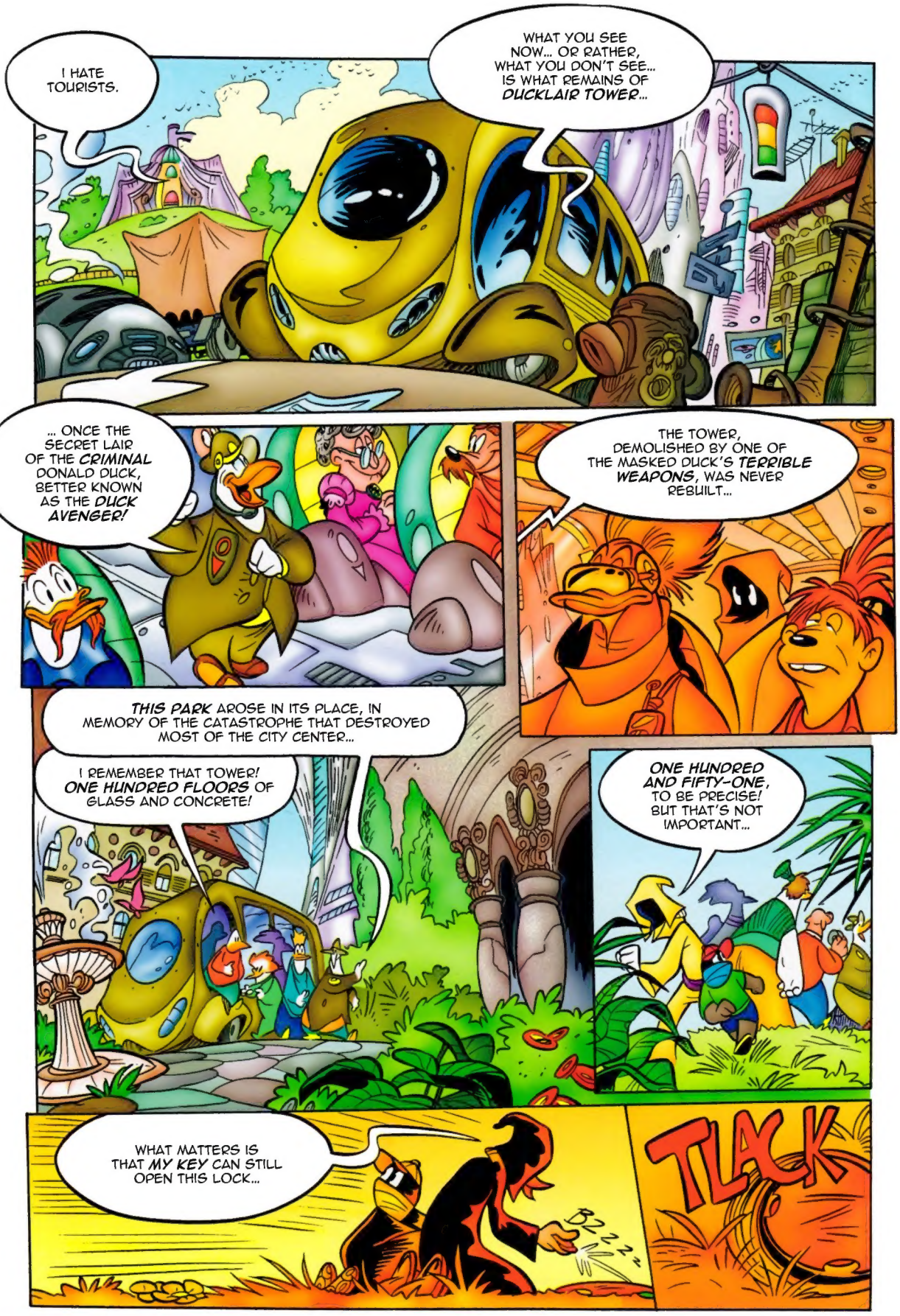
TOURISTS, GOVERNOR! REMEMBER? GUIDED TOURS EVERY LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!
I HATE TOURISTS.
NIENTE DI PERSONALE

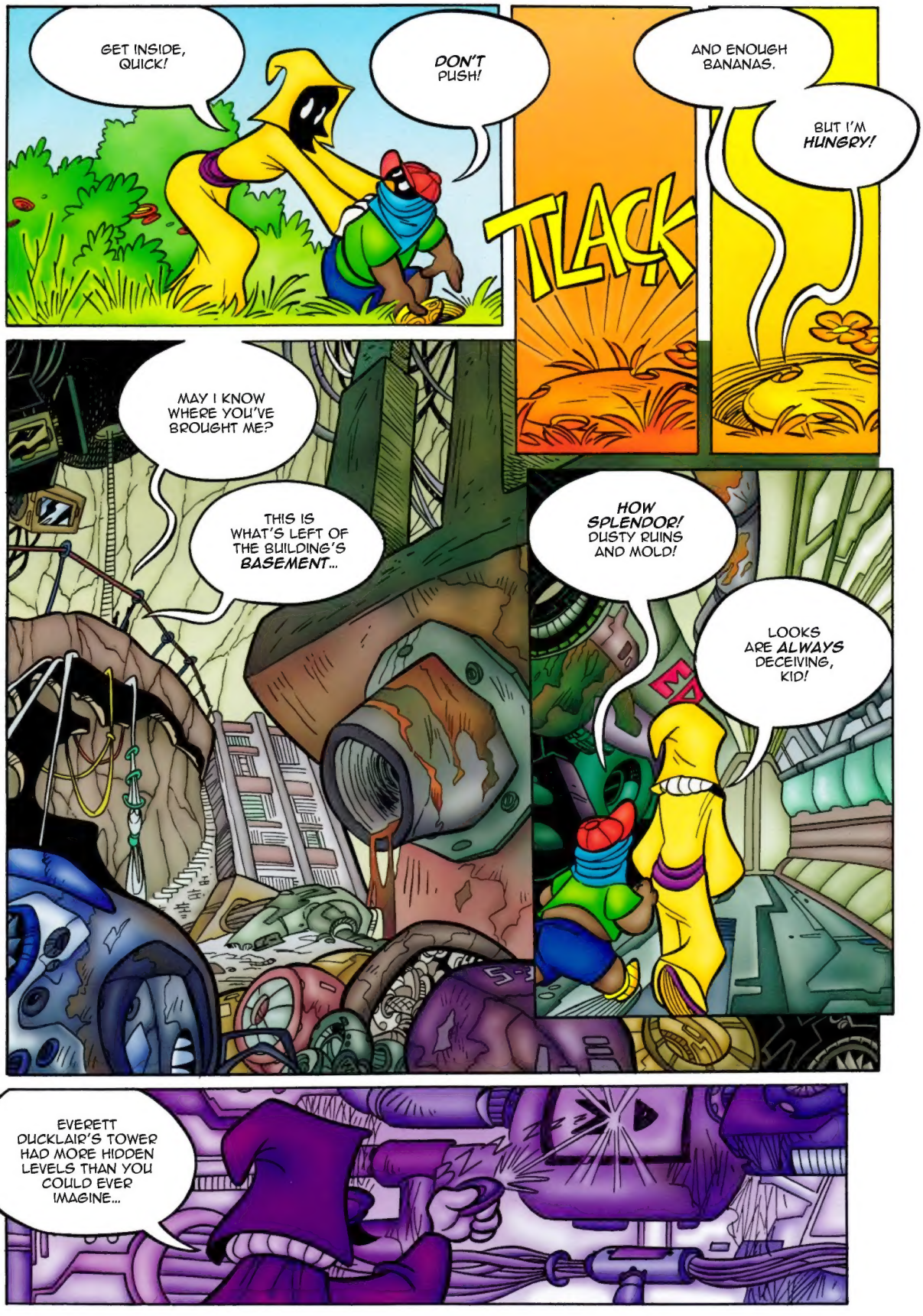
YOU BETTER *PRETEND* TO LIKE THEM, AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT *FIFTEEN MINUTES!*
GREETINGS, SMILES, A FEW HANDSHAKES... THE USUAL STUFF, REALLY!
I ONLY WASTE DEMONSTRATIONS OF AFFECTIONS ON MY ELECTORATES!
BUT THOSE *ARE* YOUR ELECTORATES!
YOU MUST LEARN TO FORGET THIS CITY AND START THINKING BIG!
A SMALL REGION ELECTS ITS GOVERNOR... BUT IT'S A *WHOLE NATION* THAT VOTES FOR ITS PRESIDENT!
WELL SAID, JEFFERSON! WHO WRITES YOUR SPEECHES?
NO ONE, SIR! *IT'S USUALLY* I WHO WRITE THEM FOR OTHERS!
THEN TRY TO DO A *GOOD JOB* FOR TOMORROW NIGHT! I WANT TO LOOK GOOD IN FRONT OF *MY AUDIENCE!*
HOW ARE THE POLLS, FILLMORE?
YOU'RE IN *CONSTANT GROWTH*, SIR! YOUR OPPONENTS ARE A FLAT LINE ON THE *ELECT-ROENCEPHALOGRAM* OF *VICTORY!*

TELEVISION AND PRESS?
ON *YOUR* SIDE, AS ALWAYS! YOUR FACE IS EVERYWHERE! WHAT DO YOU WORRY ABOUT?
YEAH... WHAT DO I WORRY ABOUT?
YOU'RE A *NATIONAL HERO!* YOU'RE A CELEBRITY! *THE ONE WHO DEFEATED THE DUCK AVENGER!*
THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL PASSAGE ABOUT IT, HERE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD PARAGRAPH...
ERASE IT!
ERASE IT? BUT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD IT?!
ERASE IT! THE DUCK AVENGER IS A CLOSED TOPIC! *THE DUCK AVENGER IS THE PAST!*

TOMORROW, AT THE POWERDOME, I'LL SPEAK OF THE *FUTURE!* MY ELECTION CAMPAIGN STARTS THERE! THAT IS THE *FIRST STEP*.
AND BECAUSE I WILL BECOME PRESIDENT, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT IT'S A *RIGHT* STEP!
URGH!
SWIP
ARGH!
ORGH!
OUCH!
OW!
WP
TONK
TUMB
BONK
I HEAR FOOTSTEPS!
IT'S GOVERNOR FANGUS!
HE'S COMING!
HOW EXCITING!
OOOF!
CRASH

CURSES! WHO ENJOYS LEAVING BANANA PEELS ON THE STAIRS?
WAS IT YOU?
HEY, I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE! I LOST IT!
SIR! THERE ARE VISITORS...
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE VISITORS!
AND I DON'T SEE ANYONE HERE!
BEHIND YOU, SIR...
FRIENDS!
WELL, PEOPLE! LET'S MOVE ON TO OUR NEXT STOP...


I HATE TOURISTS.
WHAT YOU SEE NOW... OR RATHER, WHAT YOU DON'T SEE... IS WHAT REMAINS OF *DUCKLAIR TOWER*...
... ONCE THE SECRET LAIR OF THE *CRIMINAL* DONALD DUCK, BETTER KNOWN AS THE *DUCK AVENGER!*
THE TOWER, DEMOLISHED BY ONE OF THE MASKED DUCK'S *TERRIBLE WEAPONS*, WAS NEVER REBUILT...
THIS PARK AROSE IN ITS PLACE, IN MEMORY OF THE CATASTROPHE THAT DESTROYED MOST OF THE CITY CENTER...
I REMEMBER THAT TOWER! *ONE HUNDRED FLOORS* OF GLASS AND CONCRETE!
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE, TO BE PRECISE! BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT...
WHAT MATTERS IS THAT *MY KEY* CAN STILL OPEN THIS LOCK...
BZZZZ
TLACK

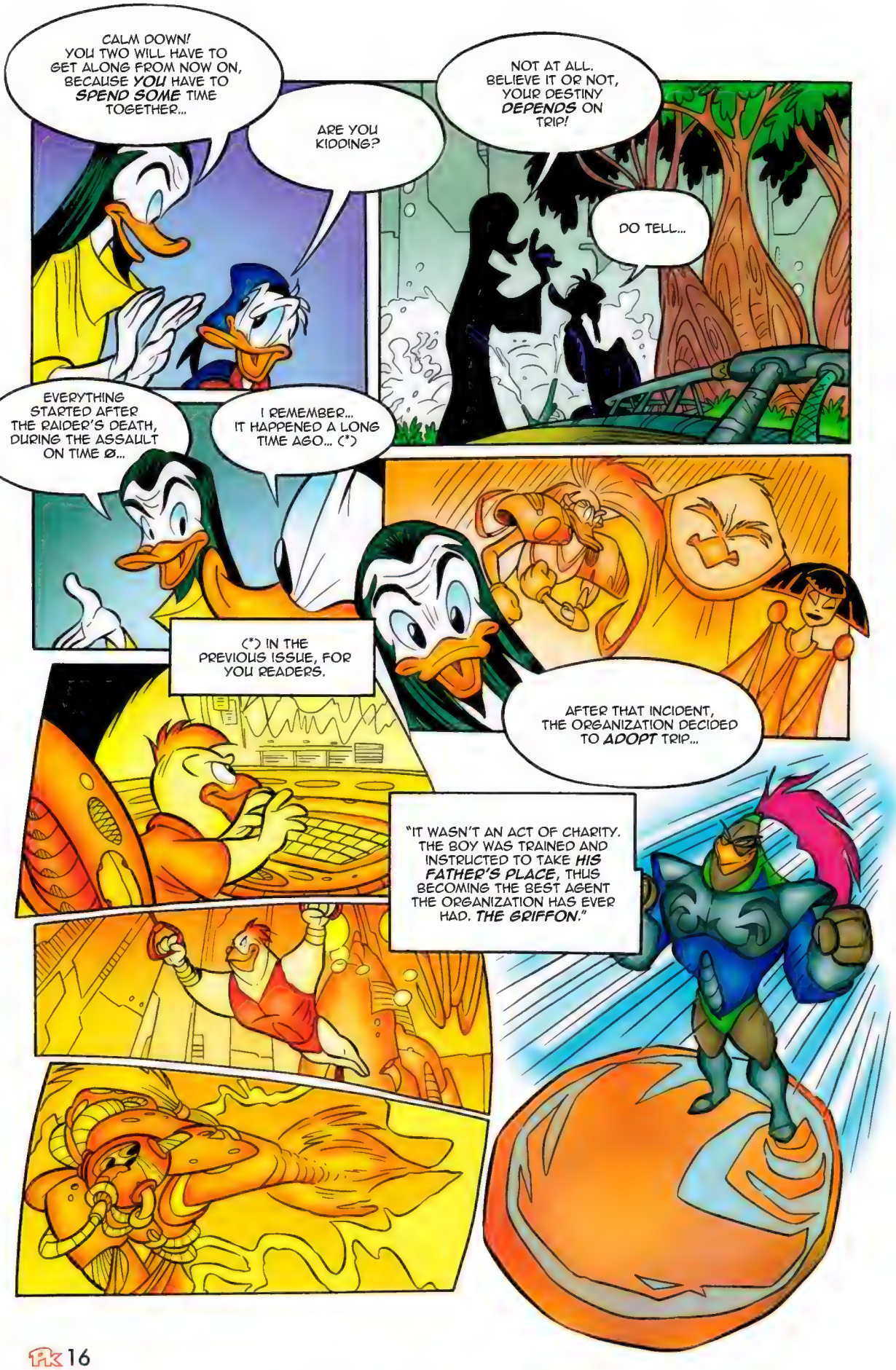

GET INSIDE, QUICK!
DON'T PUSH!
TLACK
AND ENOUGH BANANAS.
BUT I'M HUNGRY!
MAY I KNOW WHERE YOU'VE BROUGHT ME?
THIS IS WHAT'S LEFT OF THE BUILDING'S BASEMENT...
HOW SPLENDOR! DUSTY RUINS AND MOLD!
LOOKS ARE ALWAYS DECEIVING, KID!
EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S TOWER HAD MORE HIDDEN LEVELS THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE...

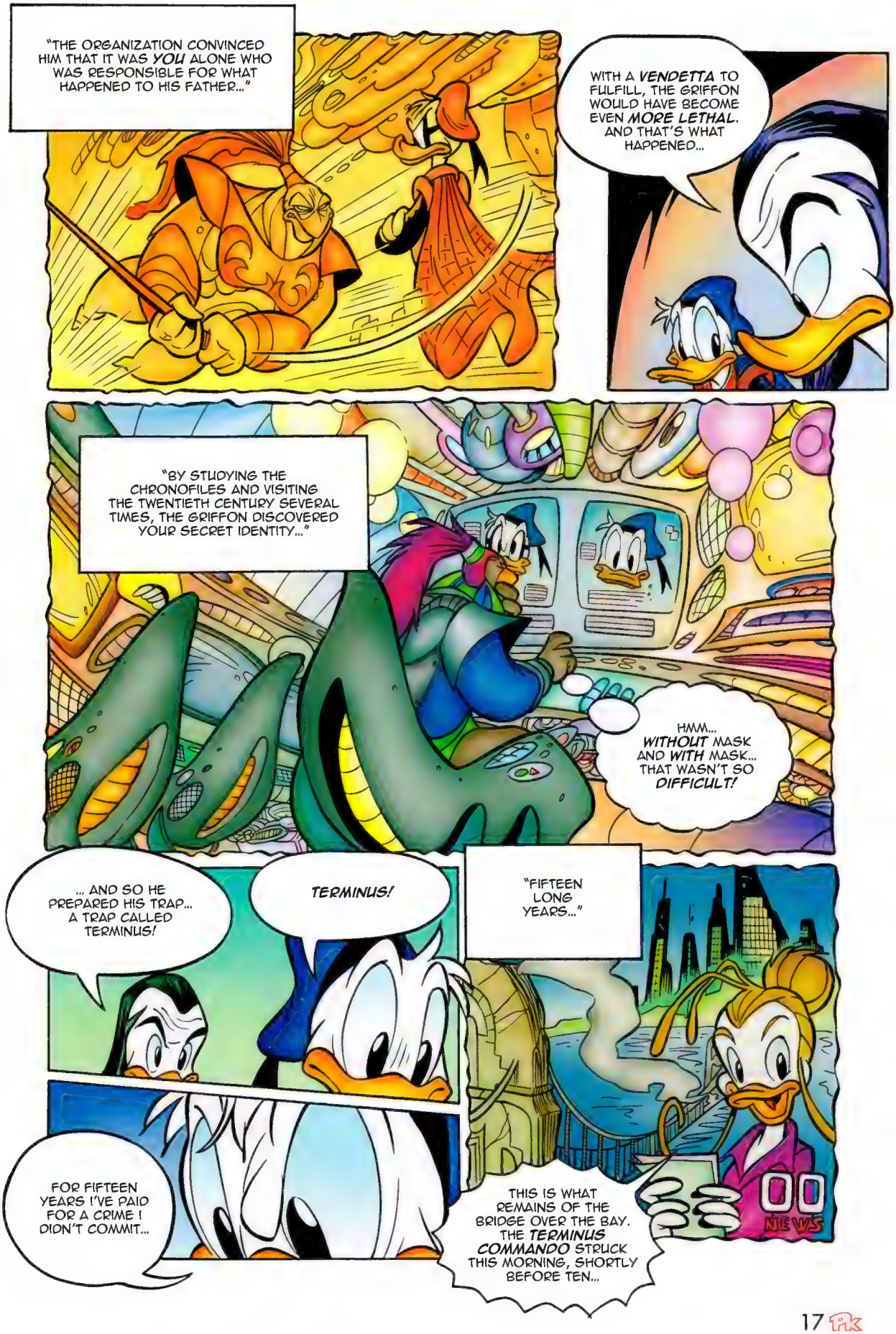
HIDDEN AND UNEXPLORED...
CREAAAAAAK
WOW!

ATOMIC! THE LAIR IS ENORMOUS! WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF BEAST DWELLS HERE...
STAY CLOSE TO ME! THIS PLACE IS A MINE OF PITFALLS!
UGH!
OOOF!
KA-TRUMP
TUMP
THAT'S ENOUGH! I WARNED YOU, KID!
IT WASN'T ME!
NO? AND WHO DOES THIS BELONG TO?
ME.

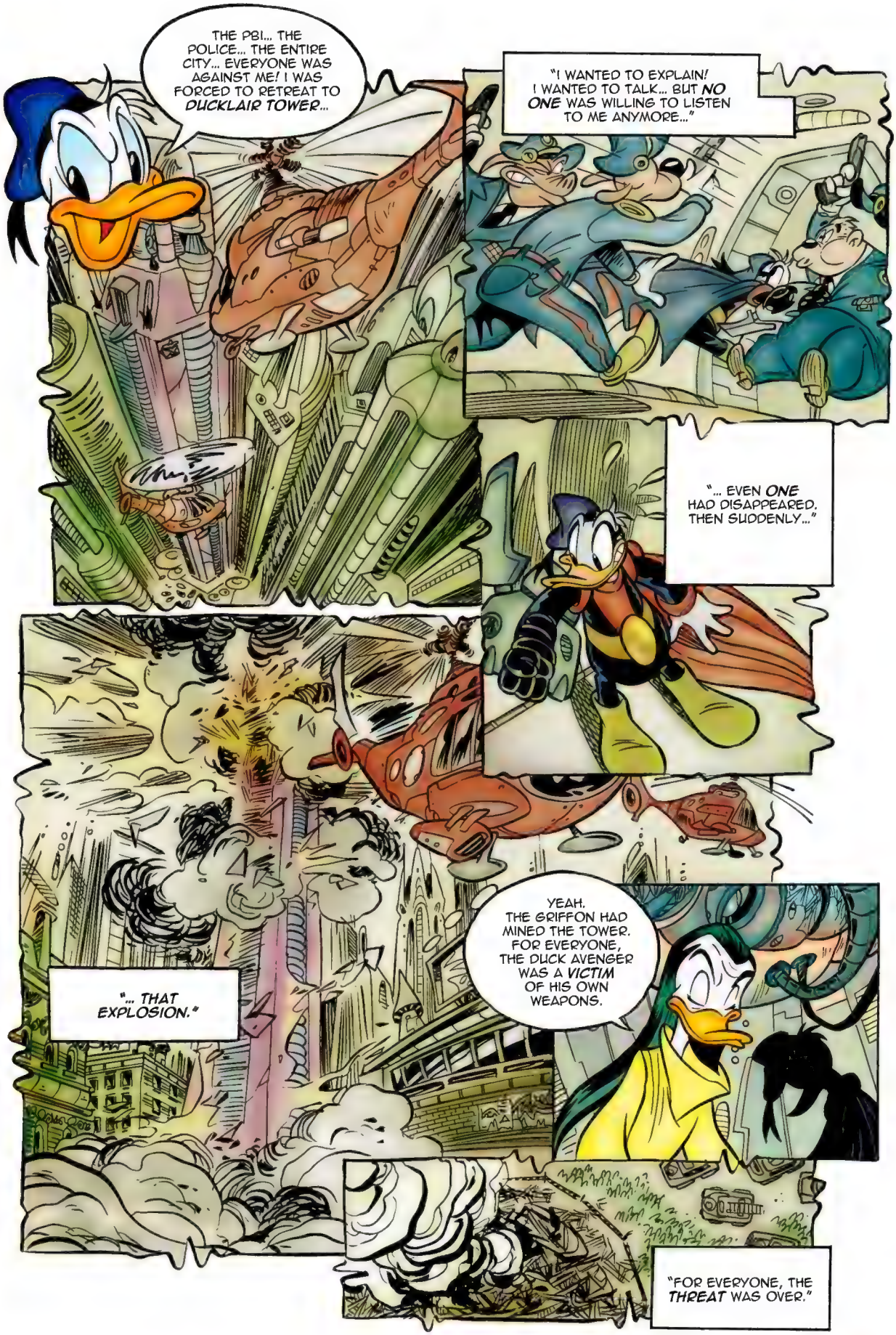
TUMP
OFF!
YOU'VE GONE A BIT TOO FAR, SNOOPERS!
S-STOP, DUCK AVENGER! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
ODIN EIDOLON!
I SEE THAT YOU REMEMBER ME! AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALSO REMEMBER THE RAIDER, YOUR OLD ENEMY...
LET ME INTRODUCE TRIP.
I'M HUNGRY, YOU GUYS!
HIS SON.

HIS... SON...
HEY! THOSE ARE BANANAS!
A GREENHOUSE! YOU'RE WELL-EQUIPPED DOWN HERE!
BY NECESSITY, NOT CHOICE.
IT WASN'T EASY TO FIND YOU...
SINCE I BECAME A DANGER TO DUCKBURG, I REMOVED MY NAME FROM THE PHONE BOOK...
I KNOW EVERYTHING, AVENGER. I KNOW HOW THIS BEGAN...
... AND I ALSO KNOW HOW WE CAN END IT.
HUH?
HEY! LOOK AT ME!
HA HA HA! BRAVO, TRIP!
CLAP CLAP
SQUISS
BRAVO? THAT LITTLE LOCUST IS EATING ALL OF MY BANANAS!

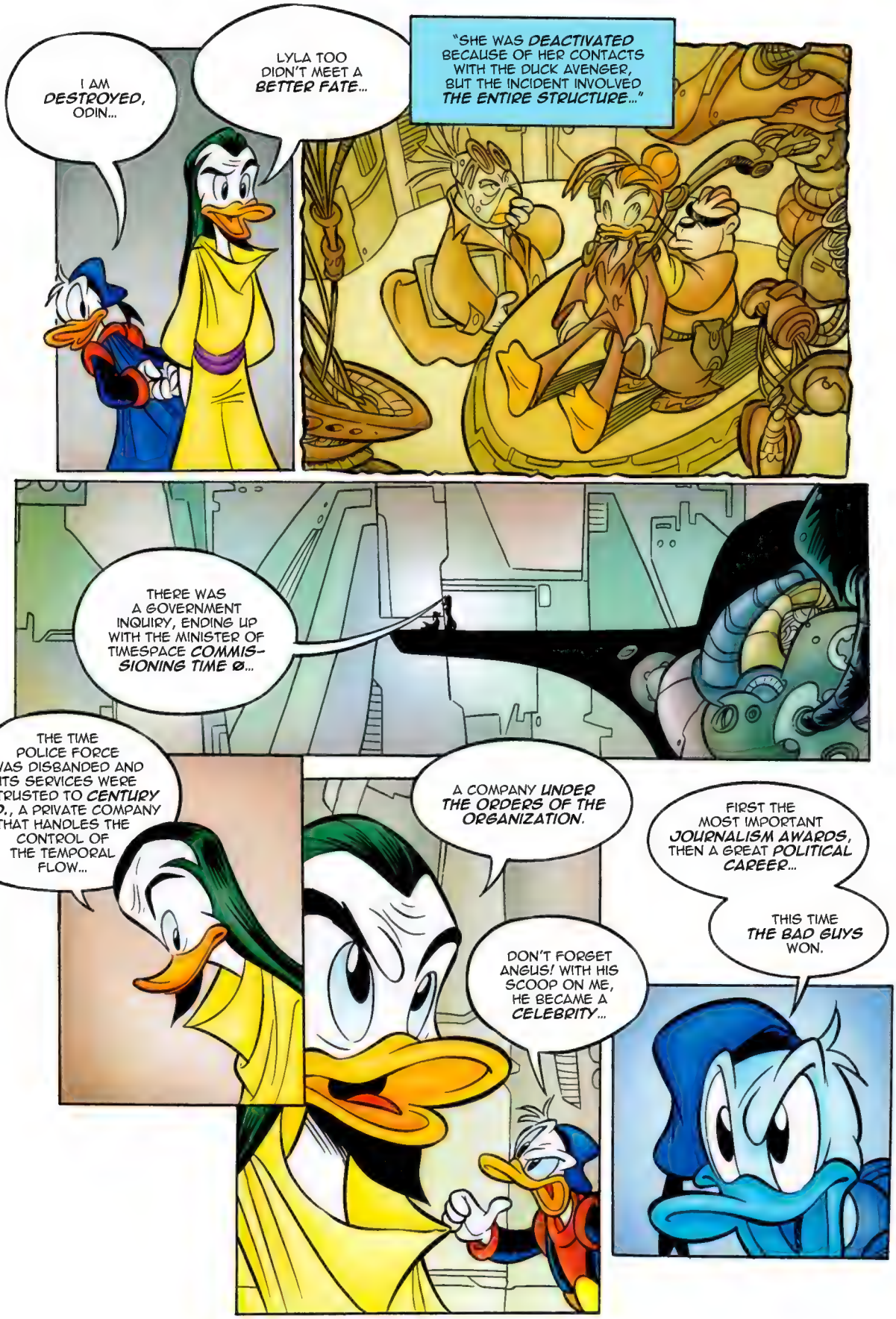

CALM DOWN! YOU TWO WILL HAVE TO GET ALONG FROM NOW ON, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER...
ARE YOU KIDDING?
NOT AT ALL. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOUR DESTINY DEPENDS ON TRIP!
DO TELL...
EVERYTHING STARTED AFTER THE RAIDER'S DEATH, DURING THE ASSAULT ON TIME Ø...
I REMEMBER... IT HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO... (*)
(*) IN THE PREVIOUS ISSUE, FOR YOU READERS.
AFTER THAT INCIDENT, THE ORGANIZATION DECIDED TO ADOPT TRIP...
"IT WASN'T AN ACT OF CHARITY. THE BOY WAS TRAINED AND INSTRUCTED TO TAKE HIS FATHER'S PLACE, THUS BECOMING THE BEST AGENT THE ORGANIZATION HAS EVER HAD. THE GRIFFON."


"THE ORGANIZATION CONVINCED HIM THAT IT WAS YOU ALONE WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS FATHER..."
WITH A VENDETTA TO FULFILL, THE GRIFFON WOULD HAVE BECOME EVEN MORE LETHAL. AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...
"BY STUDYING THE CHRONOFILES AND VISITING THE TWENTIETH CENTURY SEVERAL TIMES, THE GRIFFON DISCOVERED YOUR SECRET IDENTITY..."
HMM... WITHOUT MASK AND WITH MASK... THAT WASN'T SO DIFFICULT!
... AND SO HE PREPARED HIS TRAP... A TRAP CALLED TERMINUS!
TERMINUS!
"FIFTEEN LONG YEARS..."
FOR FIFTEEN YEARS I'VE PAID FOR A CRIME I DIDN'T COMMIT...
THIS IS WHAT REMAINS OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE BAY. THE TERMINUS COMMANDO STRUCK THIS MORNING, SHORTLY BEFORE TEN...
NEWS

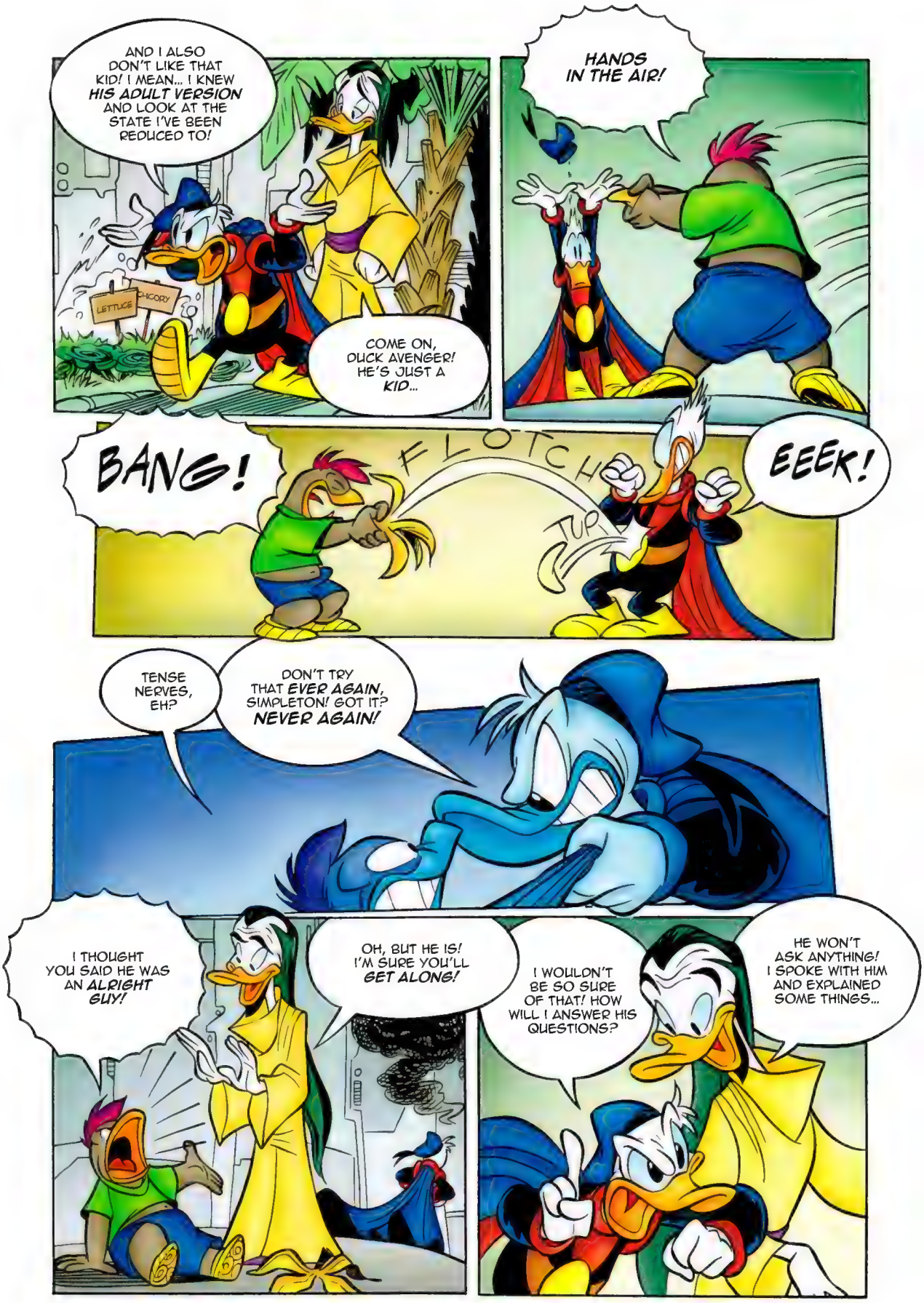
EVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS THIRTEENTH ATTACK WAS CLAIMED BY A PHONE CALL TO OUR EDITORIAL STAFF...
NEWS
TERMINUS... THAT NAME PUT THE CITY ON FIRE! CHAOS WAS SPREADING! THE ANGUISH... THE TERROR...
YEAH. NO ONE COULD STOP THE GRIFFON...
"AND IT WAS HE WHO, IN DISGUISE, ENTRUSTED A DOSSIER TO ANGUS FANGUS..."
CLUCK DINER
"... WHICH HAD YOUR NAME ON IT."
DUCK AVENGER
"INSIDE WAS PICTURES AND CLEVERLY FORGED EVIDENCE SHOWING, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT..."
"... THAT TERMINUS WAS YOU."
THE DUCK AVENGER MUST BE STOPPED! HE'S JUST A MADMAN WHO SOWS PANIC IN ORDER TO PLAY THE ROLE OF THE HERO!


THE PBI... THE POLICE... THE ENTIRE CITY... EVERYONE WAS AGAINST ME! I WAS FORCED TO RETREAT TO DUCKLAIR TOWER...
"I WANTED TO EXPLAIN! I WANTED TO TALK... BUT NO ONE WAS WILLING TO LISTEN TO ME ANYMORE..."
"... EVEN ONE HAD DISAPPEARED. THEN SUDDENLY..."
"... THAT EXPLOSION."
YEAH. THE GRIFFON HAD MINED THE TOWER. FOR EVERYONE, THE DUCK AVENGER WAS A VICTIM OF HIS OWN WEAPONS.
"FOR EVERYONE, THE THREAT WAS OVER."

YOU KNOW THE TRUTH, ODIN.
I KNOW MANY THINGS. THE REST I CAN ONLY IMAGINE...
IMAGINE, SURE. BUT YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND. NO ONE CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT I'VE FELT...
NOBODY CAN KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO WAKE UP UNDER-GROUND AND REMAIN THERE FOR FIFTEEN YEARS!
I'VE CEASED TO EXIST FOR EVERYONE. MY RELATIVES HAVE LEFT THE CITY IN DISHONOR!
I'M NO LONGER ANYONE. I NO LONGER HAVE ANYTHING. THIS IS MY WORLD NOW...
... THIS IS THE DUCK AVENGER'S KINGDOM!

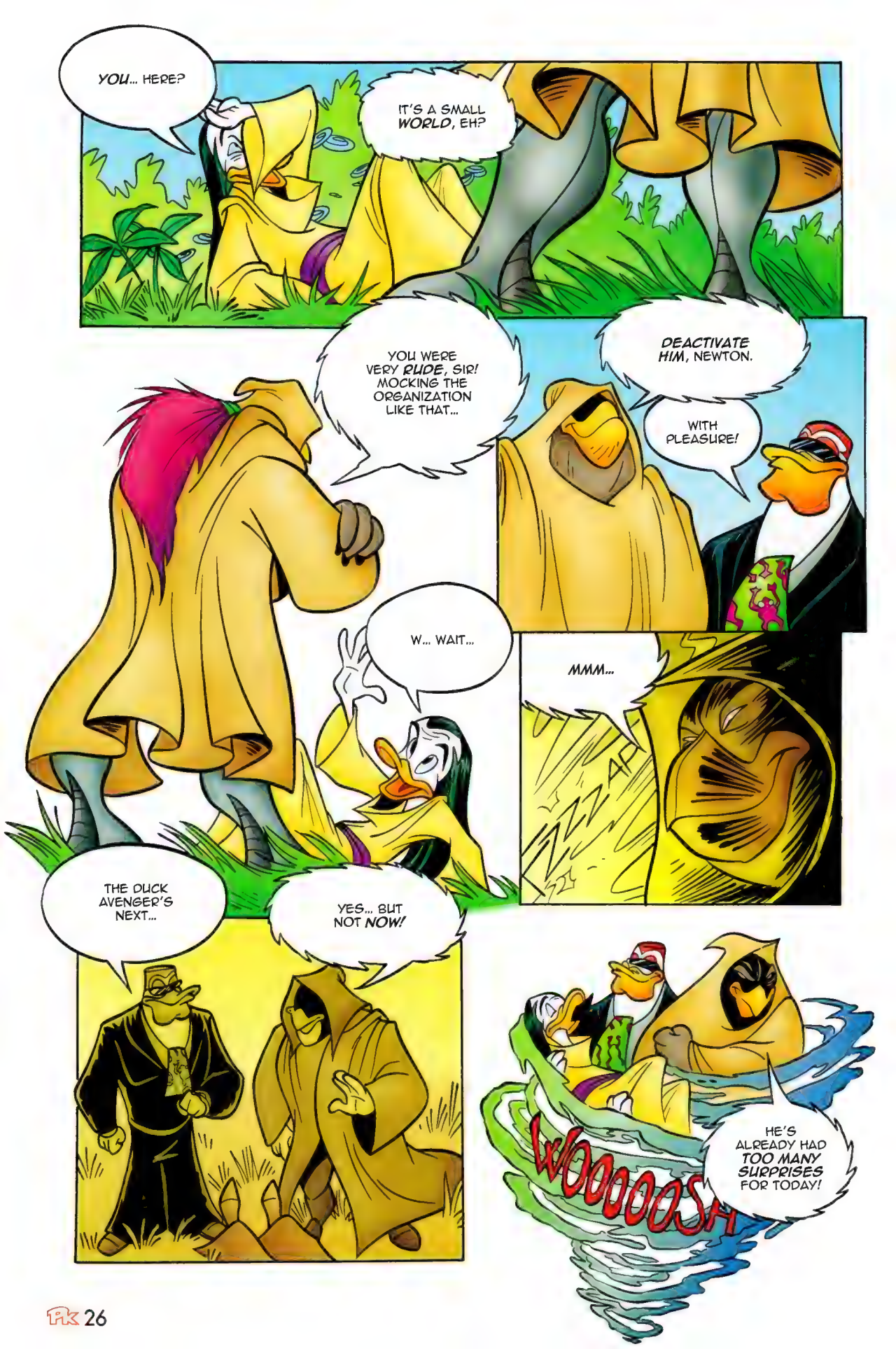

I AM DESTROYED, ODIN...
LYLA TOO DIDN'T MEET A BETTER FATE...
"SHE WAS DEACTIVATED BECAUSE OF HER CONTACTS WITH THE DUCK AVENGER, BUT THE INCIDENT INVOLVED THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE..."
THERE WAS A GOVERNMENT INQUIRY, ENDING UP WITH THE MINISTER OF TIMESPACE COMMISSIONING TIME Ø...
THE TIME POLICE FORCE WAS DISBANDED AND ITS SERVICES WERE ENTRUSTED TO CENTURY LTD., A PRIVATE COMPANY THAT HANDLES THE CONTROL OF THE TEMPORAL FLOW...
A COMPANY UNDER THE ORDERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.
DON'T FORGET ANGUS! WITH HIS SCOOP ON ME, HE BECAME A CELEBRITY...
FIRST THE MOST IMPORTANT JOURNALISM AWARDS, THEN A GREAT POLITICAL CAREER...
THIS TIME THE BAD GUYS WON.

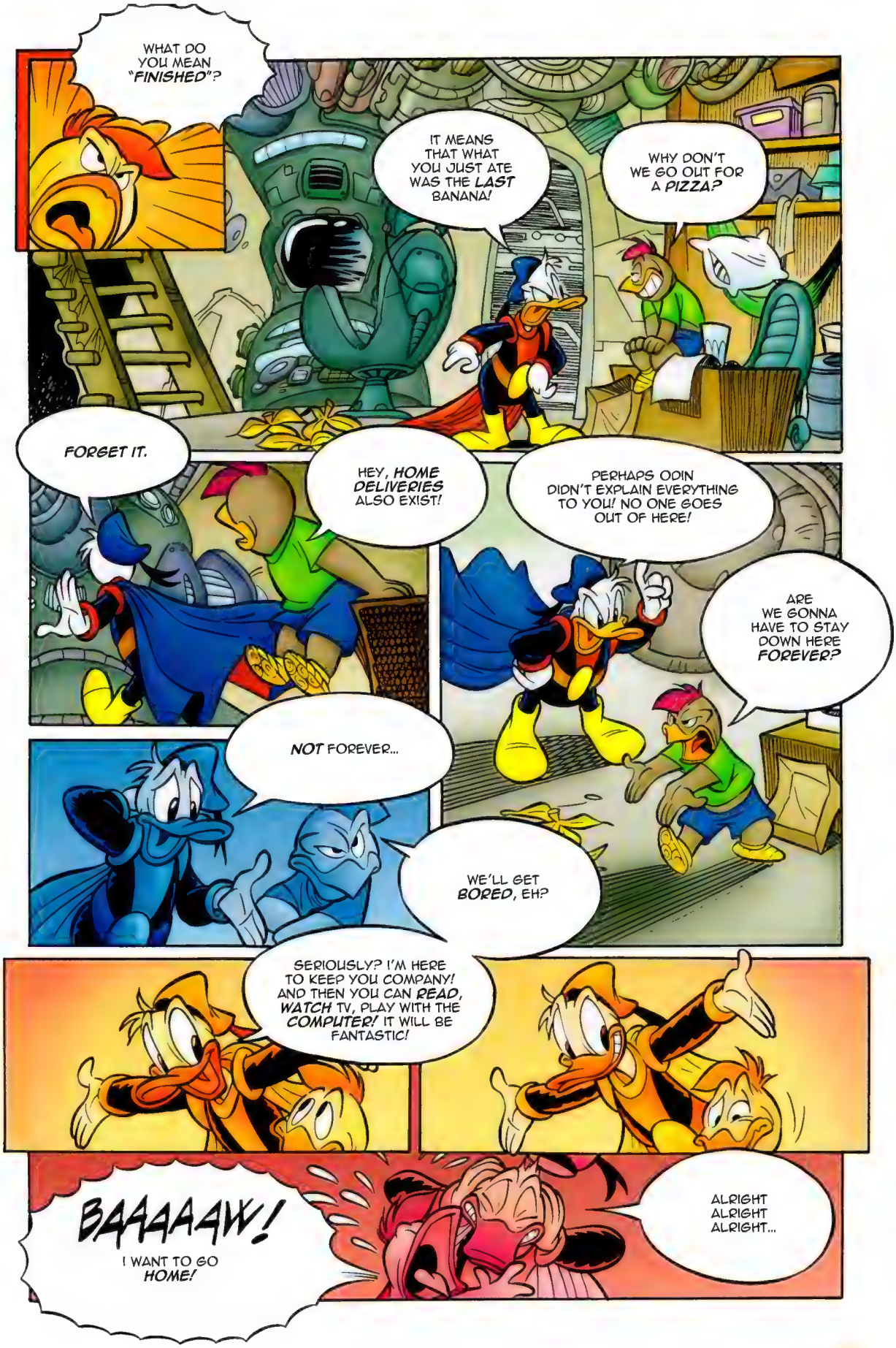
NOT YET! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE, AVENGER! TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF EVENTS!
I'VE TAKEN TRIP OUT OF HIS TIME! THIS WAY HE WON'T FALL INTO THE CLUTCHES OF THE ORGANIZATION...
BUT THEN WHY DON'T YOU PREVENT THE RAIDER FROM PARTICIPATING ON HIS MISSION IN TIME Ø?
OH, BY NOW I'M AN AUTHORITY ON THE SUBJECT!
IT'S TRIP WHO'S THE PROBLEM, AND NOW HE'S YOUR PROBLEM! HE'LL BE SAFE HERE!
WHAT MATTERS IS THAT TRIP'S AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE FROM THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY!
SOONER OR LATER? WHAT DOES SOONER OR LATER MEAN?
THIS IS THE ONLY CHANCE WE HAVE TO ERASE WHAT HAPPENED! SOONER OR LATER EVERYTHING WILL BE BACK IN ORDER!
IT MAY TAKE YEARS FOR THINGS TO GET PUT BACK INTO PLACE! IT'S... IT'S A TERRIBLY COMPLICATED MATTER!


AND I ALSO DON'T LIKE THAT KID! I MEAN... I KNEW HIS ADULT VERSION AND LOOK AT THE STATE I'VE BEEN REDUCED TO!
LETTUCE
CHICORY
COME ON, DUCK AVENGER! HE'S JUST A KID...
HANDS IN THE AIR!
BANG!
FLOTCH
TUP
EEEK!
TENSE NERVES, EH?
DON'T TRY THAT EVER AGAIN, SIMPLETON! GOT IT? NEVER AGAIN!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE WAS AN ALRIGHT GUY!
OH, BUT HE IS! I'M SURE YOU'LL GET ALONG!
I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE OF THAT! HOW WILL I ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS?
HE WON'T ASK ANYTHING! I SPOKE WITH HIM AND EXPLAINED SOME THINGS...

I SPOKE TO HIM OF A LONG JOURNEY WHERE HE IN THE END WOULD MEET HIS FATHER AGAIN!
OH YES! SOME SORT OF VACATION IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY TOGETHER WITH UNCLE DUCK AVENGER...
... IN A GIGANTIC SEWER, AWAY FROM MY DAD... I'M OF COURSE NOT HAPPY, BUT I'LL ADAPT! THOSE WHO HAVE COMMON SENSE, USE IT!
HE'S PRECOCIOUS FOR HIS AGE.
HE'S VERY INTELLIGENT.
SEE YOU SOON, TRIP!
I'M COUNTING.
SEE YOU LATER, AVENGER!
HOPEFULLY.
WE'VE ENDED UP IN A MESS, EH?
LET'S JUST SAY THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ASK FOR MORE!

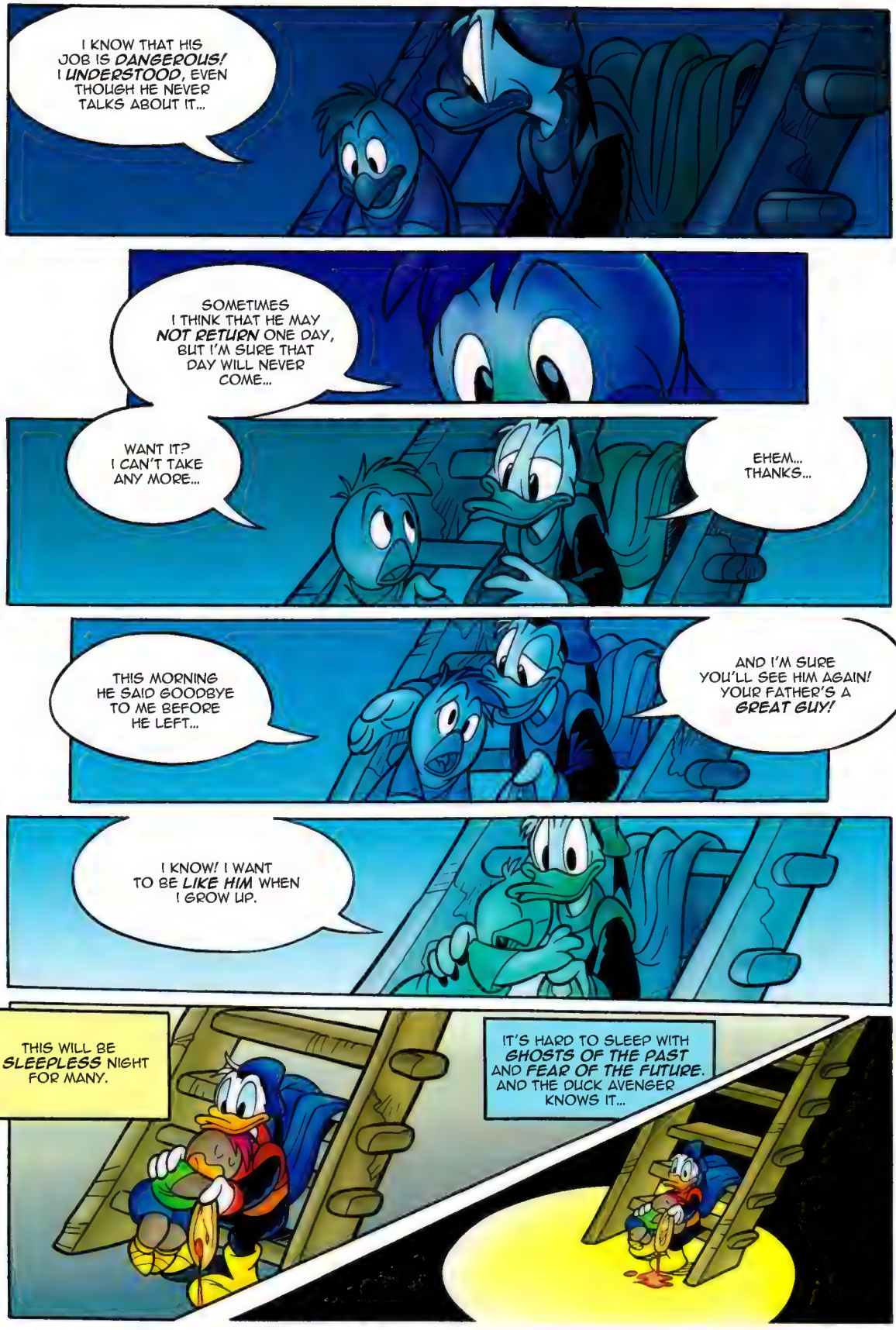
I HOPE I'VE MADE THE BEST CHOICE. BESIDES, I DIDN'T HAVE MANY OTHER POSSIBILITIES...
WHEN THEY NOTICE THAT TRIP HAS DISAPPEARED, THIS WILL BE THE LAST PLACE WHERE THEY'LL LOOK!
THEY'RE UNAWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE DUCK AVENGER IS STILL ALIVE AND, WHEN THEY REALIZE IT, IT WILL BE TOO LATE...
TLACK
GOOD EVENING, MR. EIDOLON.
HUH?
B-WZZZZ
UGH!


YOU... HERE?
IT'S A SMALL WORLD, EH?
YOU WERE VERY RUDE, SIR! MOCKING THE ORGANIZATION LIKE THAT...
DEACTIVATE HIM, NEWTON.
WITH PLEASURE!
W... WAIT...
MMM...
ZZZAP
THE DUCK AVENGER'S NEXT...
YES... BUT NOT NOW!
WOOOOOSH
HE'S ALREADY HAD TOO MANY SURPRISES FOR TODAY!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN "FINISHED"?
IT MEANS THAT WHAT YOU JUST ATE WAS THE LAST BANANA!
WHY DON'T WE GO OUT FOR A PIZZA?
FORGET IT.
HEY, HOME DELIVERIES ALSO EXIST!
PERHAPS ODIN DIDN'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO YOU! NO ONE GOES OUT OF HERE!
ARE WE GONNA HAVE TO STAY DOWN HERE FOREVER?
NOT FOREVER...
WE'LL GET BORED, EH?
SERIOUSLY? I'M HERE TO KEEP YOU COMPANY! AND THEN YOU CAN READ, WATCH TV, PLAY WITH THE COMPUTER! IT WILL BE FANTASTIC!
BAAAAAW!
I WANT TO GO HOME!
ALRIGHT ALRIGHT ALRIGHT...

"I'LL TRY, BUT I DON'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING."
HMM... THE PARAMETERS ARE ALL THERE! THE INDICATORS MARK THE CORRECT VALUES...
I'VE NEVER TRIED ANYTHING LIKE THIS! ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
ABSOLUTELY!
BZZZZ
YOU SAID IT WOULDN'T WORK!
THIS FOOD SYNTHESIZER ISN'T DESIGNED FOR THIS!
CONTACT, THEN!
IN FIFTEEN YEARS I'VE DONE NOTHING BUT CHURN OUT HIGH PROTEIN PREPARATIONS! I I HAD ONLY KNOWN SOONER...
THAT DUCKLAIR GUY WAS A TRUE GENIUS!
ATOMIC! A PEPERONI WITH DOUBLE MOZZARELLA!
HAPPY?

MR. EIDOLON SPOKE A LOT ABOUT YOU!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN *ODIN?*
SINCE *THIS MORNING!* HE'S A BIG SHOT IN THE TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY! HIS VISIT WAS REALLY A *SURPRISE!*
HE TOLD ME *A STORY*, WHILE SPEAKING OF TEMPORAL PARADOXES AND STUFF LIKE THAT!
HE ASKED YOU TO FOLLOW HIM AND YOU DID IT!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN, BUT NOW I *MISS* MY HOME...
YOU'LL GO HOME SOON! YOU'LL SEE THAT EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT!
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO *MY FATHER*, RIGHT?
UH... WELL, I... WHY DO YOU ASK?

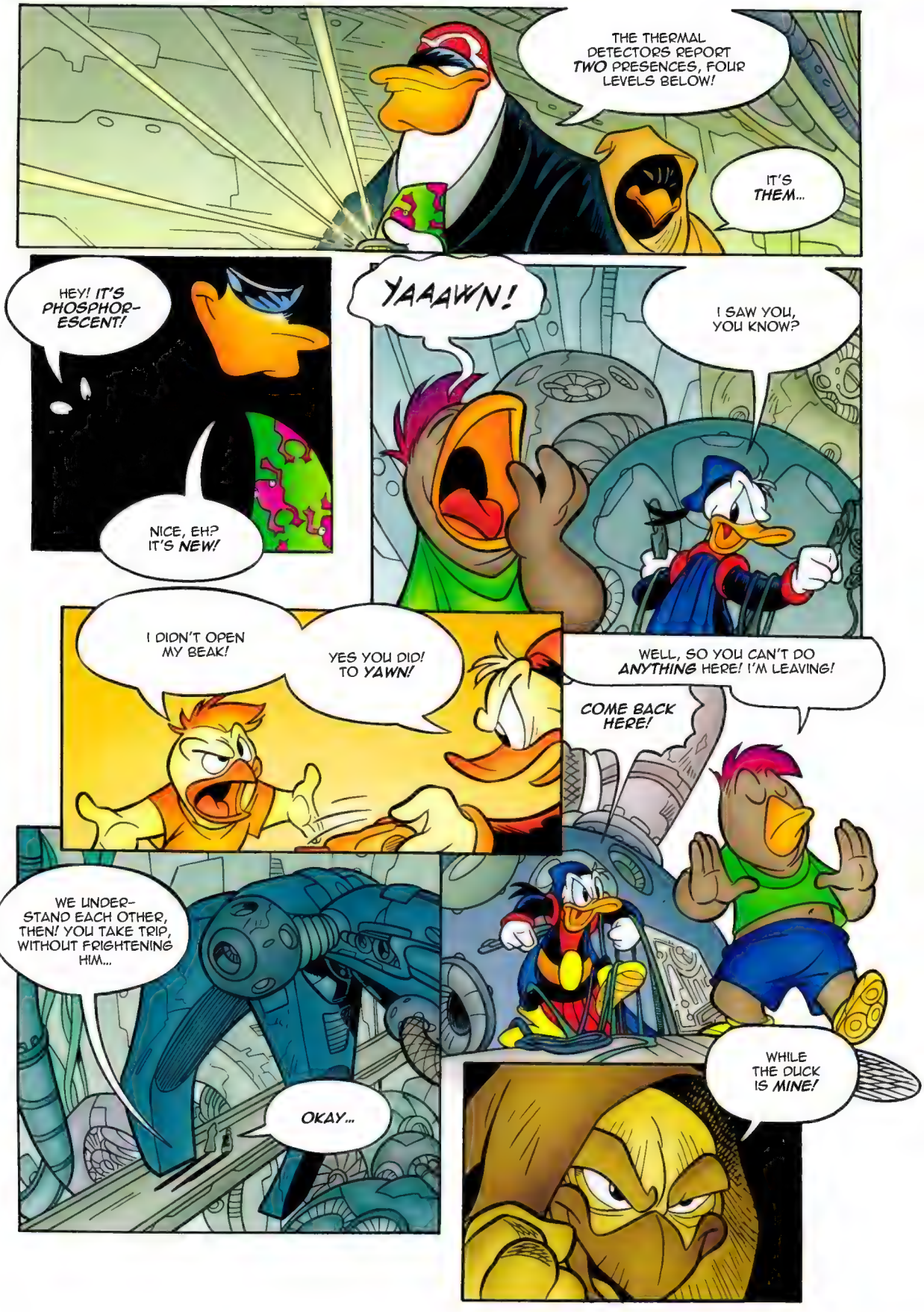

I KNOW THAT HIS JOB IS DANGEROUS! I UNDERSTOOD, EVEN THOUGH HE NEVER TALKS ABOUT IT...
SOMETIMES I THINK THAT HE MAY NOT RETURN ONE DAY, BUT I'M SURE THAT DAY WILL NEVER COME...
WANT IT? I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE...
EHEM... THANKS...
THIS MORNING HE SAID GOODBYE TO ME BEFORE HE LEFT...
AND I'M SURE YOU'LL SEE HIM AGAIN! YOUR FATHER'S A GREAT GUY!
I KNOW! I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM WHEN I GROW UP.
THIS WILL BE A SLEEPLESS NIGHT FOR MANY.
IT'S HARD TO SLEEP WITH GHOSTS OF THE PAST AND FEAR OF THE FUTURE. AND THE DUCK AVENGER KNOWS IT...

... AND HE'S NOT ALONE.
I personally risked my own life against the Duck Avenger and I'm proud of having done it. The results today before
EXCUSE ME, SIR... IF YOU NO LONGER NEED ME, I'LL BE GOING.
HUH? SURE, GO AHEAD...
IF I WERE YOU, I'D DO THE SAME! IT'S VERY LATE AND YOU MUST BE IN SHAPE FOR TOMORROW! THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN WILL BE DIFFICULT AND...
GOOD NIGHT, TAYLOR.
YES, THIS WILL BE A SLEEPLESS NIGHT FOR MANY. UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

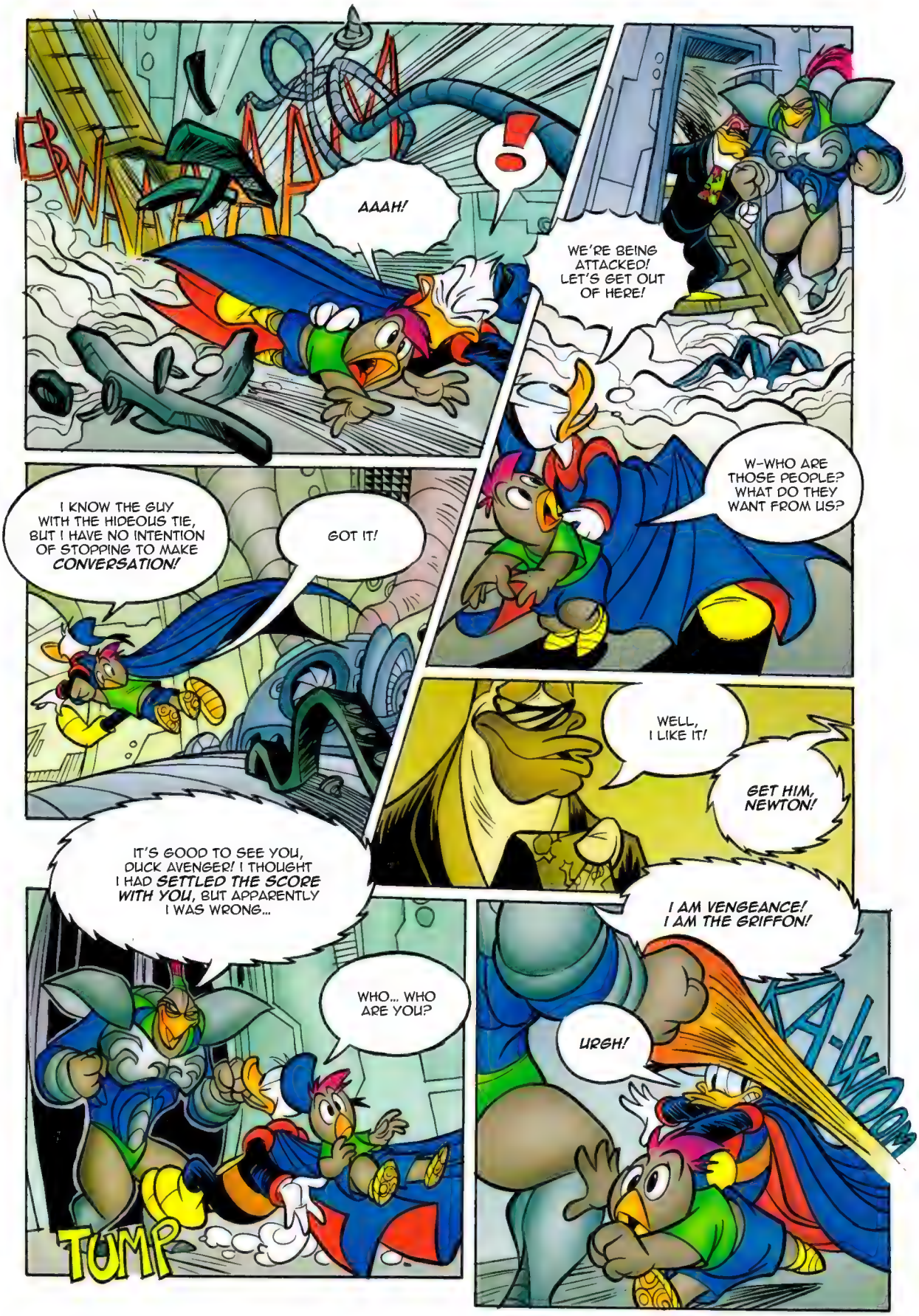
... AND THE FUTURE IS NOW! VOTE FOR ME!
CAN'T YOU CHANGE CHANNELS? I DETEST THAT FACE!
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE! THIS GUY HAS INVADED EVERY CHANNEL!
ENOUGH TV, THEN! YOU'VE STAYED GLUED TO THAT THING SINCE THIS MORNING!
AND WHAT ELSE SHOULD I DO? YOU PROMISED ME A TOUR OF YOUR LAIR, BUT SO FAR YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT WASTE TIME WITH THAT THING!
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THIS "THING" IS THE REFUGE'S CONTROL SYSTEM...
HUH?
... WHICH FOR SOME REASON DECIDED TO MAKE A TANTRUM!
PROBLEMS?
AFRAID OF INTRUDERS?
I'M TRYING TO REACTIVATE THE SECURITY SYSTEMS ON ALL LEVELS! ODIN'S VISIT HAS PUT ME ON ALERT...
SIMPLE PRUDENCE! IF I'M GONNA PROTECT YOU, I WANT TO DO IT IN THE BEST WAY!
FZZZZZzz...

"I DON'T LIKE WHAT'S OUT THERE ONE BIT."
HA HA HA! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
FANGUS! FANGUS!
WOO HOO!
THESE PEOPLE LOVE YOU, GOVERNOR!
IT'S JUST A STATE OF MIND INDUCED BY A FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLAR ELECTION CAMPAIGN!
THEN I WOULD SAY IT'S MONEY WELL SPENT, SIR!
I SPENT ALL NIGHT REWRITING THAT SPEECH!
YEAH! NOTHING LIKE WHAT I SPEND ON YOUR PAYCHECK!
VOTE ANGUS
ANGUS
ANGUS FOR PRESIDENT
THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE AMAZED! ENTHUSED! EXALTED! CATCH PHRASES! TWISTS! KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AND WHO KNOWS IF YOU'LL LEARN ANYTHING!
YOU DIDN'T LIKE WHAT I WROTE?
I LOOK WITH CONFIDENCE.
CLAP CLAP
LONG LIVE THE GOVERNOR!
YOU KNOW HIM?
WELL... IN A WAY HE'S MY CREATURE!

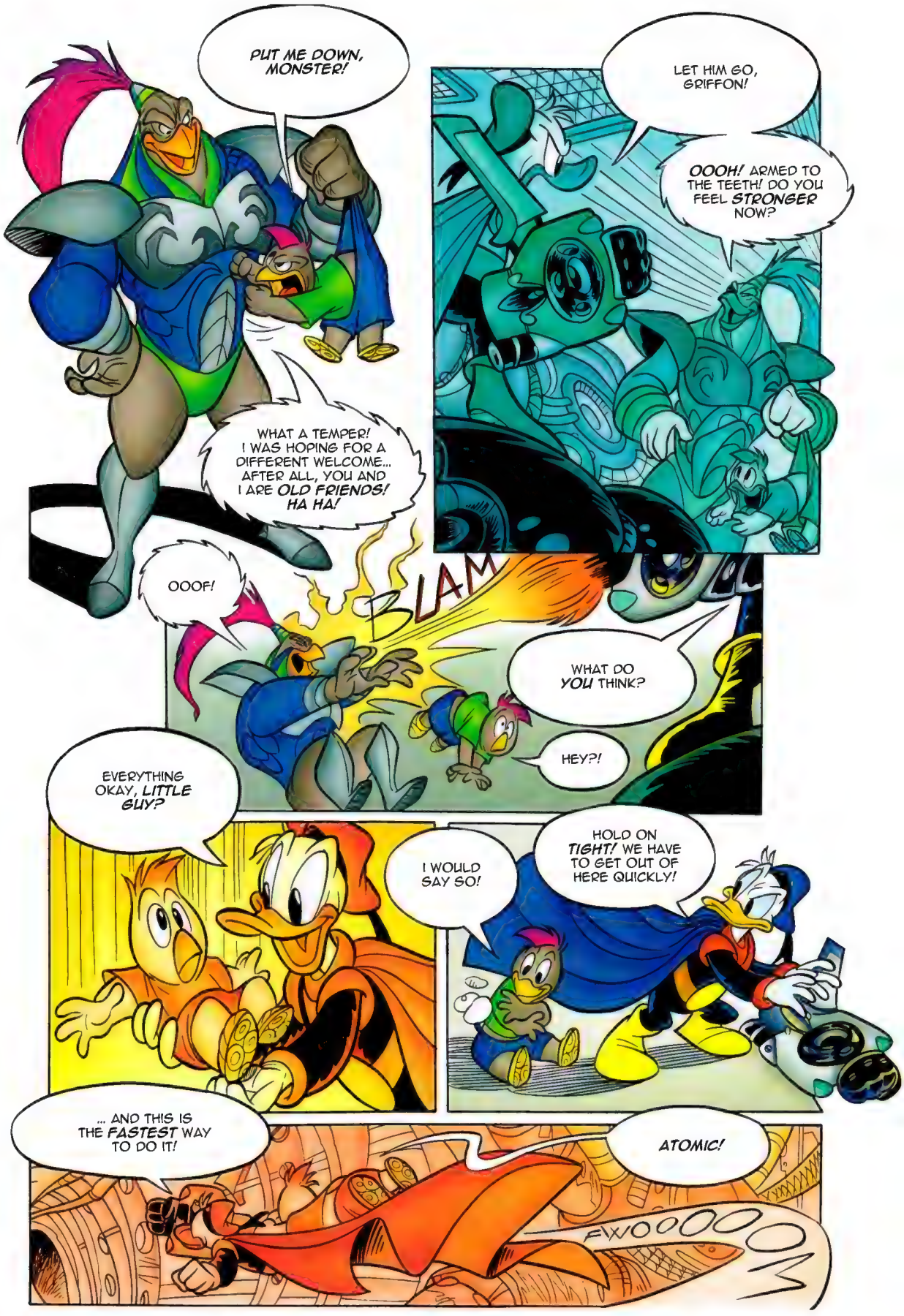
NOW, LET'S GET MOVING! NO ONE WILL LOOK AT US!
BZZZZ
SO? IS THERE A LOT LEFT?
THERE ARE TWO LINKS I HAVE TO REACTIVATE! FIVE MORE MINUTES...
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID AN HOUR AGO! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT, RIGHT?
AAAAAARGH! ENOUGH! SHUT YOUR BEAK! DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD!
HEY, I...
NOT ANOTHER WORD! I'VE WORKED WITH THESE MACHINES FOR YEARS! I COULD REPAIR THEM WITH MY EYES CLOSED! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
AAAH!
MPFFFFF...


THE THERMAL DETECTORS REPORT *TWO* PRESENCES, FOUR LEVELS BELOW!
IT'S *THEM*...
HEY! IT'S *PHOSPHOR-ESCENT!*
NICE, EH? IT'S *NEW!*
YAAAWN!
I SAW YOU, YOU KNOW?
I DIDN'T OPEN MY BEAK!
YES YOU DID! TO *YAWN!*
WELL, SO YOU CAN'T DO *ANYTHING* HERE! I'M LEAVING!
COME BACK HERE!
WE UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER, THEN! YOU TAKE TRIP, WITHOUT FRIGHTENING HIM...
OKAY...
WHILE THE DUCK IS *MINE!*

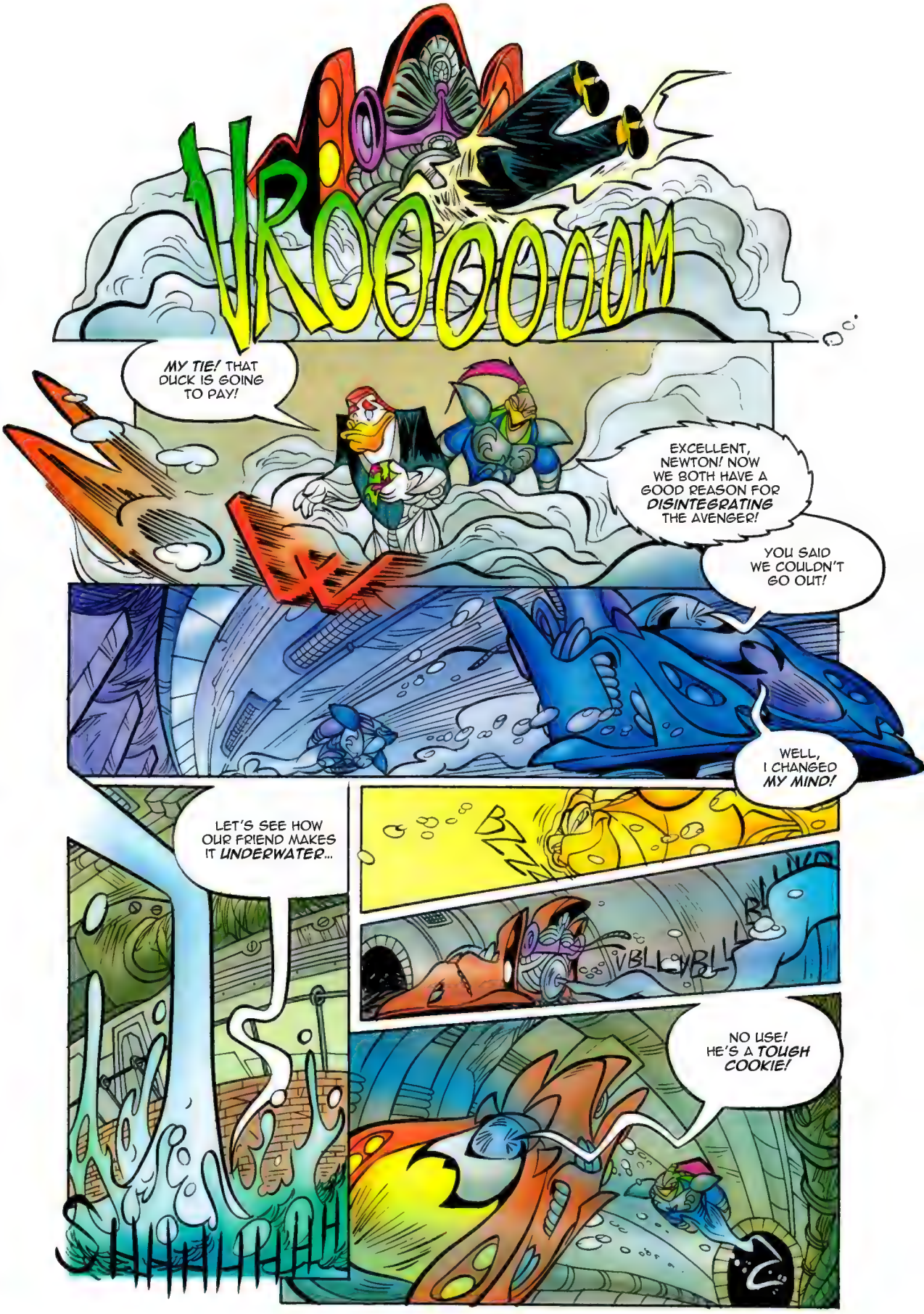
WEEEEEP
AH! HERE WE GO!
FZZ
ZZZ
AND NOW WE'LL SQUARE UP! TRIP! WHERE ARE YOU? TRIP!
SYSTEM LOADING
SYSTEM LOADED
WEOOO


BWAAAP!
AAAH!
WE'RE BEING ATTACKED! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
W-WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE? WHAT DO THEY WANT FROM US?
I KNOW THE GUY WITH THE HIDEOUS TIE, BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF STOPPING TO MAKE CONVERSATION!
GOT IT!
WELL, I LIKE IT!
GET HIM, NEWTON!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, DUCK AVENGER! I THOUGHT I HAD SETTLED THE SCORE WITH YOU, BUT APPARENTLY I WAS WRONG...
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
TUMP
I AM VENGEANCE! I AM THE GRIFFON!
URGH!
KA-WOOM

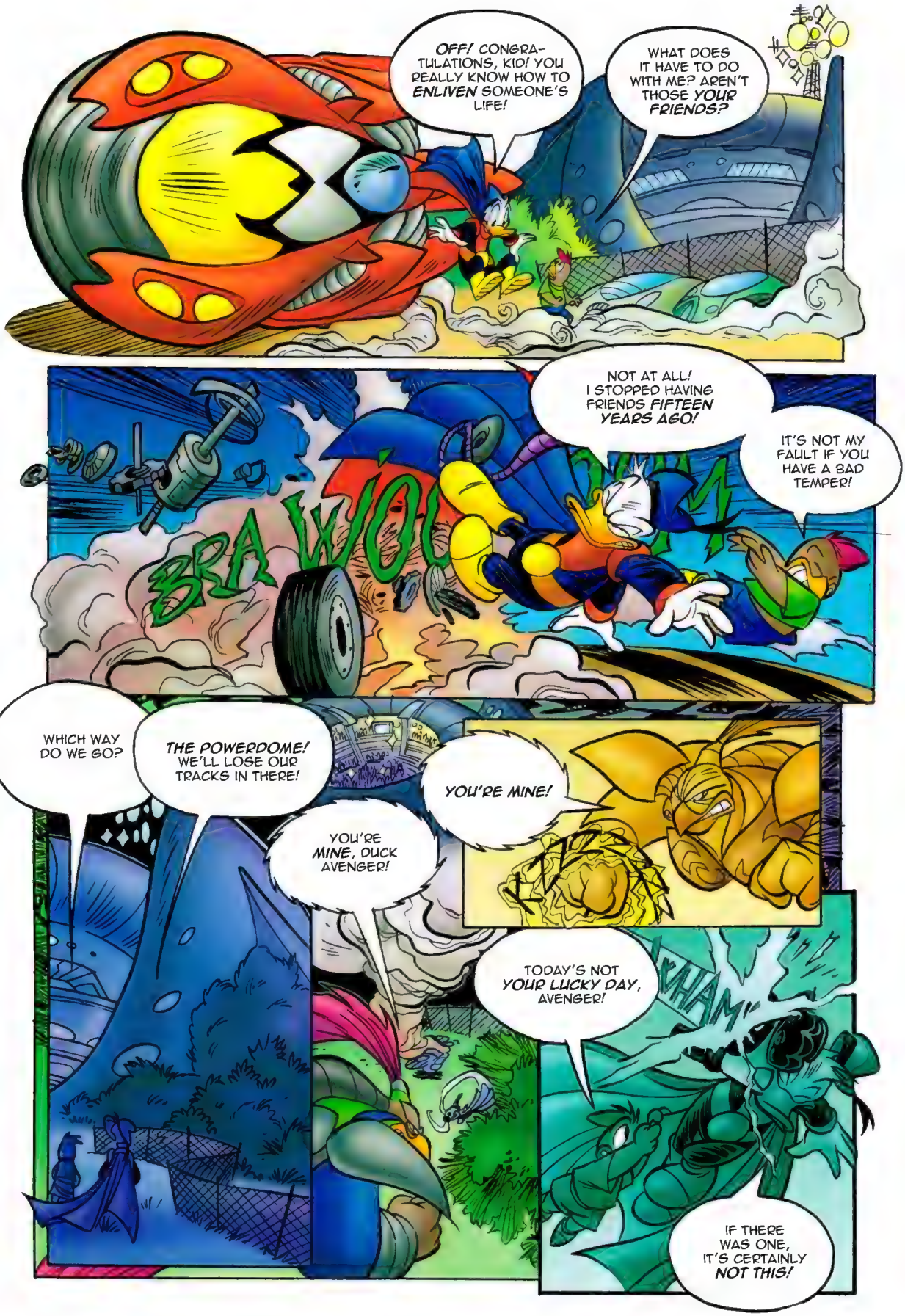
DON'T RUN, LITTLE ONE! I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!
TELL THAT TO SOMEONE ELSE, PAL!
URGH!
SWIP
RANK
COME OUT, DUCK AVENGER! HIDING WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD!
IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE, BEAST! UNTIL NEXT TIME!
GROAN...
I DON'T AGREE ON THAT...
THE SHIELD! IF ONLY I COULD REACH IT...
CRASH
DUCK AVENGER!
WELL, WELL... LOOK WHO'S HERE...


PUT ME DOWN, MONSTER!
WHAT A TEMPER! I WAS HOPING FOR A DIFFERENT WELCOME... AFTER ALL, YOU AND I ARE OLD FRIENDS! HA HA!
LET HIM GO, GRIFFON!
OOOH! ARMED TO THE TEETH! DO YOU FEEL STRONGER NOW?
OOOF!
BLAM
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HEY?!
EVERYTHING OKAY, LITTLE GUY?
I WOULD SAY SO!
HOLD ON TIGHT! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE QUICKLY!
... AND THIS IS THE FASTEST WAY TO DO IT!
ATOMIC!
FWOOOOOM

THERE'S NO ESCAPE!
THEY RAN THAT WAY!
I PROMISED YOU A TOUR OF THE UNDERGROUND REFUGE! THIS IS THE GARAGE OF DUCKLAIR TOWER...
FWOO
WOW!
... AND THIS IS MY CAR! THE DUCKMOBILE!
FLOTCH
YOU DON'T SAY! A NICE ANTIQUE! IF THOSE TWO RUN AFTER US ON THEIR KNEES, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE!
VROO
YOU JUST LOST ANOTHER CHANCE TO BE QUIET, LITTLE SKEPTIC! ARE YOU READY TO RECEIVE A SLAP ON THE WRIST?
RAISE A FINGERNAIL AND YOU'LL GET A PAIR OF BLACK EYES!
... B-BUT WHY ISN'T IT MOVING?
IT SEEMS TO HAVE REMAINED STATIONARY FOR TOO LONG! MAYBE IT'S DRY! OR MAYBE THE BATTERY'S FLAT...
YEAH... IT MUST BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT! FASTEN YOUR SAFETY BELT!
SKREEEEEEE


VROOOOOM
MY TIE! THAT DUCK IS GOING TO PAY!
EXCELLENT, NEWTON! NOW WE BOTH HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR DISINTEGRATING THE AVENGER!
YOU SAID WE COULDN'T GO OUT!
WELL, I CHANGED MY MIND!
LET'S SEE HOW OUR FRIEND MAKES IT UNDERWATER...
BZZZ
VBLLYBLL
NO USE! HE'S A TOUGH COOKIE!
SHHHHHHH

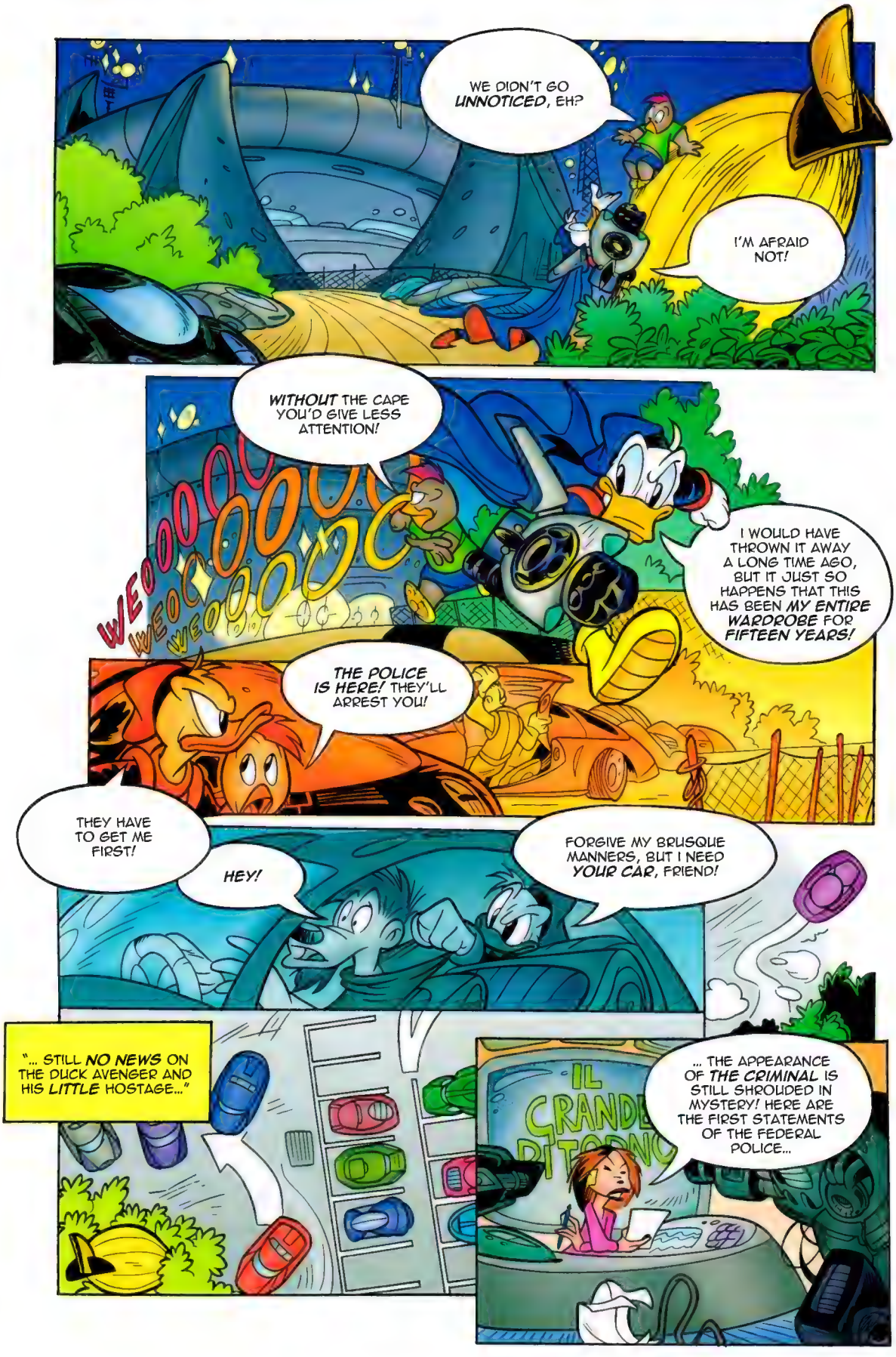
NOW I'M HAVING A GOOD TIME!
ME, NOT EVEN CLOSE!
SCIONF
YOU'RE LEAVING WITH SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO ME, DUCK AVENGER...
... AND I CAN'T ALLOW IT!
HE HIT US!
HANG ON, TRIP!
BUMP
KA-BUMP

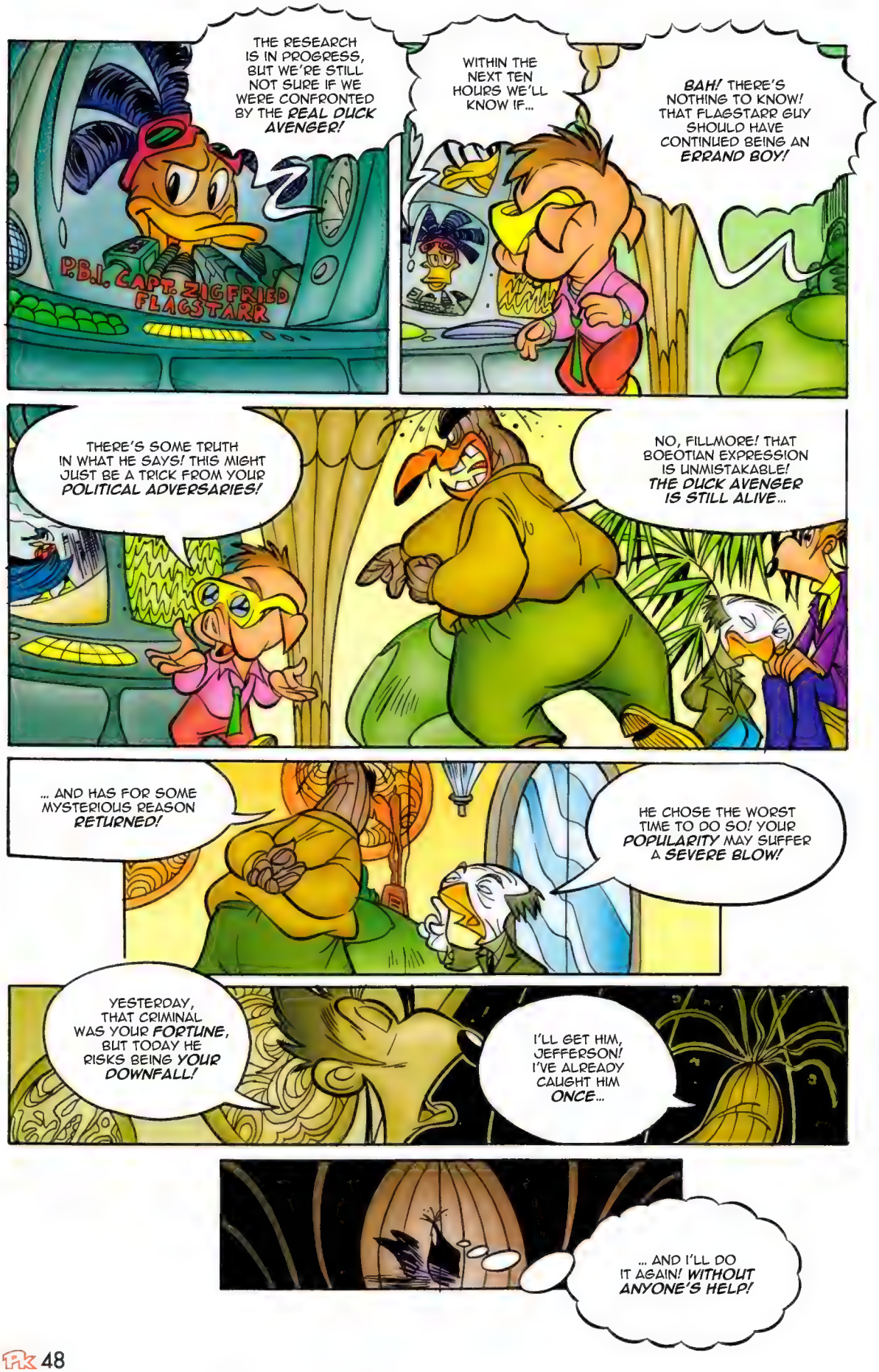

OFF! CONGRATULATIONS, KID! YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO ENLIVEN SOMEONE'S LIFE!
WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH ME? AREN'T THOSE YOUR FRIENDS?
BRA WOU
NOT AT ALL! I STOPPED HAVING FRIENDS FIFTEEN YEARS AGO!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT IF YOU HAVE A BAD TEMPER!
WHICH WAY DO WE GO?
THE POWERDOME! WE'LL LOSE OUR TRACKS IN THERE!
YOU'RE MINE!
YOU'RE MINE, DUCK AVENGER!
TODAY'S NOT YOUR LUCKY DAY, AVENGER!
WHAM!
IF THERE WAS ONE, IT'S CERTAINLY NOT THIS!

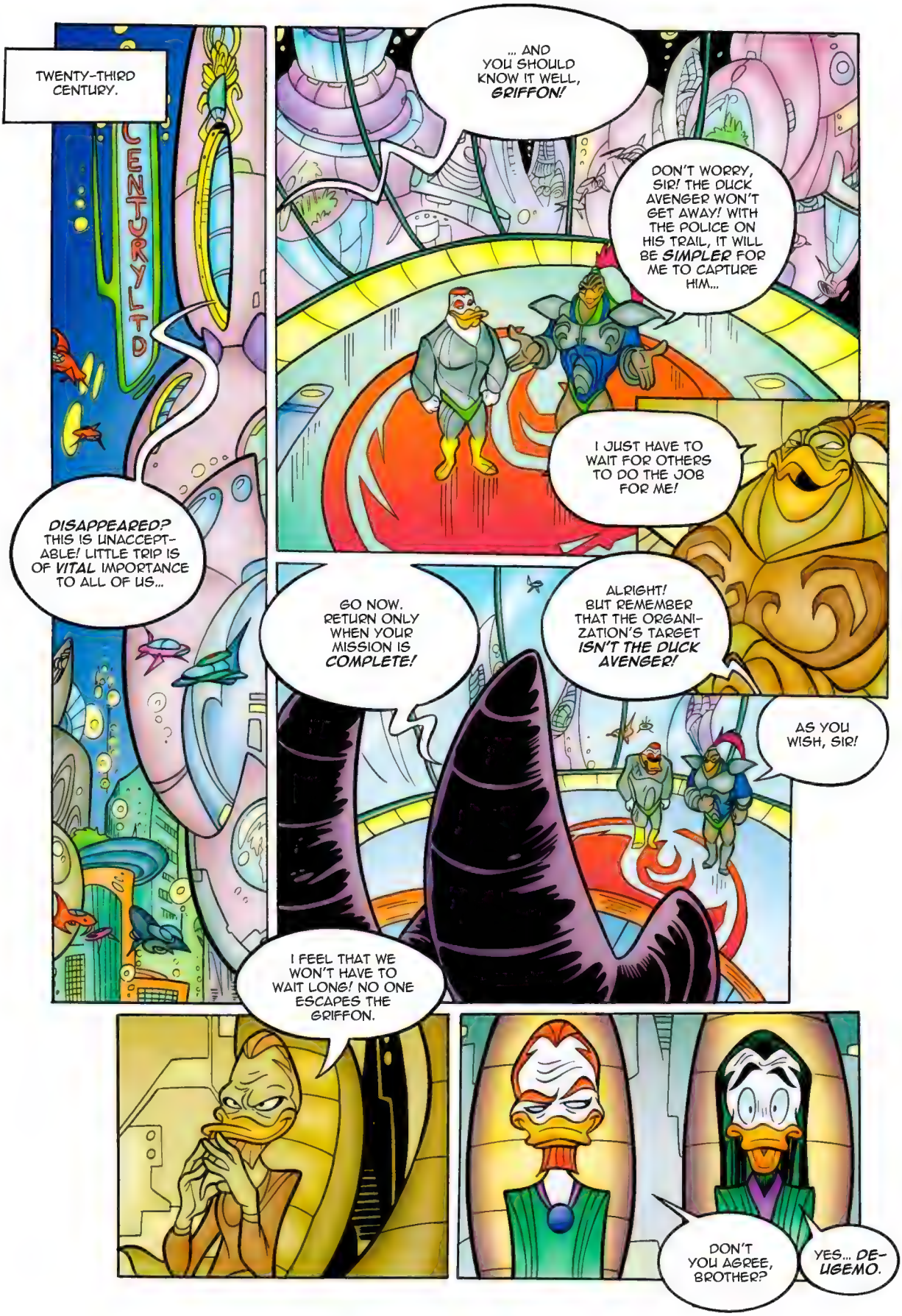
SPUT SPUT
SPUT
TUNG
UMPF!
WE TRULY ARE MANY HERE TONIGHT! WHEN I BEGAN MY POLITICAL ADVENTURE A FEW YEARS AGO, YOU WERE ALREADY MANY, BUT NOW YOU'RE EVEN MORE NUMEROUS...
WE'RE FORCED TO DO AN EMERGENCY LANDING!
SPIT
ANG
ANG
ANGUS
THIS IS THE WORST FLIGHT I'VE EVER BEEN ON! NO SNACKS AND TOO MUCH EMPTY AIR!
FANGUS!
FANGUS!
FANGUS!
GREAT... FROM THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE WITHOUT BEING NOTICED...
WE MIGHT BE TAKING THE WRONG DIRECTION...
GIVE ME THE BOY, DUCK AVENGER!

DUCK AVENGER?
ZZZZZZZZ
THE SHIELD'S ENGINE IS GONE, BUT WE MIGHT STILL HAVE A WAY OUT...
HE'S UP THERE! HE'S TAKEN A CHILD HOSTAGE!
A GOOD LAWYER?
DAMMIT!
I WAS THINKING OF SOMETHING LESS EXPENSIVE! JUMP!
LOOK!
AAAH!
OFF!
AVENGER!
IT'S NOT A COMFORTABLE POSITION, BUT, AS THEY SAY... BETTER THAN NOTHING!
TONF
URGH!
GLUMP
GASP... I'M HERE, KID!
VRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

... A NEW ERA IS ABOUT TO SWING OPEN IN FRONT OF US! I'VE TRANSFORMED DUCKBURG...
ANGUS
... BUT NOW IT'S UP TO THIS NATION! I WANT TO ENSURE AT ALL COSTS A FUTURE OF PEACE AND SERENITY! A FUTURE OF...
IT'S INCREDIBLE! IT'S REALLY HIM!
AAAAAAGH! DUCK AVENGER!
WE'RE TOO HEAVY! WE'RE LOSING ALTITUDE!
CONGRATULATIONS, SIR! YOU REALLY DO HAVE A SENSE FOR ENTERTAINMENT!
MOVE OUT! GET HIM!
OUT OF THE WAY, PEOPLE! WE'RE IN A HURRY!
EEEEEEK!
RUN! RUN!
AHHHH!


WE DIDN'T GO UNNOTICED, EH?
I'M AFRAID NOT!
WITHOUT THE CAPE YOU'D GIVE LESS ATTENTION!
WEOOO


THE RESEARCH IS IN PROGRESS, BUT WE'RE STILL NOT SURE IF WE WERE CONFRONTED BY THE REAL DUCK AVENGER!
P.B.I. CAPT. ZIGFRIED FLAGSTARR
WITHIN THE NEXT TEN HOURS WE'LL KNOW IF...
BAH! THERE'S NOTHING TO KNOW! THAT FLAGSTARR GUY SHOULD HAVE CONTINUED BEING AN ERRAND BOY!
THERE'S SOME TRUTH IN WHAT HE SAYS! THIS MIGHT JUST BE A TRICK FROM YOUR POLITICAL ADVERSARIES!
NO, FILLMORE! THAT BOEOTIAN EXPRESSION IS UNMISTAKABLE! THE DUCK AVENGER IS STILL ALIVE...
... AND HAS FOR SOME MYSTERIOUS REASON RETURNED!
HE CHOSE THE WORST TIME TO DO SO! YOUR POPULARITY MAY SUFFER A SEVERE BLOW!
YESTERDAY, THAT CRIMINAL WAS YOUR FORTUNE, BUT TODAY HE RISKS BEING YOUR DOWNFALL!
I'LL GET HIM, JEFFERSON! I'VE ALREADY CAUGHT HIM ONCE...
... AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN! WITHOUT ANYONE'S HELP!


TWENTY-THIRD CENTURY.
CENTURY LTD
... AND YOU SHOULD KNOW IT WELL, GRIFFON!
DON'T WORRY, SIR! THE DUCK AVENGER WON'T GET AWAY! WITH THE POLICE ON HIS TRAIL, IT WILL BE SIMPLER FOR ME TO CAPTURE HIM...
I JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR OTHERS TO DO THE JOB FOR ME!
DISAPPEARED? THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! LITTLE TRIP IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF US...
GO NOW. RETURN ONLY WHEN YOUR MISSION IS COMPLETE!
ALRIGHT! BUT REMEMBER THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S TARGET ISN'T THE DUCK AVENGER!
AS YOU WISH, SIR!
I FEEL THAT WE WON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG! NO ONE ESCAPES THE GRIFFON.
DON'T YOU AGREE, BROTHER?
YES... DEUGEMO.

OUTSKIRTS OF DUCKBURG. TWENTIETH CENTURY.
IT'S THE CAR HE USED TO ESCAPE!
THERE ARE TRACES ALL AROUND! THEY WENT AWAY ON FOOT!
SPLIT UP AND LOOK AROUND! THEY CAN'T BE TOO MUCH AHEAD OF US!
LOCKED... THEY CAN'T HAVE GONE THROUGH HERE!
TUNK TONK
THE IDEA OF GOING DOWN INTO THE SEWERS DOESN'T AMUSE ME AT ALL!
SO MUCH THE BETTER!
GOOD, OLD DENSO-MORPHIC COMMAND. YOU'VE SAVED MY FEATHERS ONCE MORE!
PAT PAT

HOW LONG WILL WE HAVE TO REMAIN DOWN HERE?
NOT FOR LONG! IN THIS CONDUIT THERE'S A SECONDARY PASSAGE TO DUCKLAIR TOWER'S BASEMENT!
WE'RE GOING BACK TO YOUR REFUGE?
I HAVE NO OTHER PLACES TO GO! WE NEED TO HIDE SOMEWHERE, WAITING FOR THE STORM TO PASS!
TA-CLACK
WHY IS EVERYONE AFTER YOU?
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ACCUSED OF SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T DO?
I'M USUALLY ACCUSED OF THING I'VE DONE, BUT I ALWAYS DENY IT! YOU SHOULD DO IT TOO!
THE GRIFFON HAS COMMITTED HORRIBLE CRIMES AND GIVEN ME THE BLAME! FOR THOSE PEOPLE OUT THERE, I'M GUILTY...
WATCH YOUR STEP! THE FLOOR IS SLIPPERY!
I ASKED YOU A QUESTION!
HE HE! THANKS FOR THE ADVICE...
YEAH... THE GRIFFON! WHY DID THAT GUY SAY THAT WE WERE OLD FRIENDS!

AND I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER YOU, OKAY?
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL ME? YOU'RE NOT HIDING SOMETHING, RIGHT? WE'RE *FRIENDS* NOW!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT, TRIP! IT'S... IT'S A *VERY COMPLICATED* STORY! IT'S USELESS TRYING TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED!
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TO SIT DOWN AND *WAIT!*
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND *THINK OF NOTHING!* I'VE SPENT WHOLE DAYS LIKE THAT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS...
NO! I WANT TO KNOW! *I WANT TO UNDERSTAND! WHO IS THE GRIFFON?*
WHY DON'T YOU TELL HIM, DUCK AVENGER?
?
!
THE RAIDER? W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
DAD!
ZOMP
YOU SHOULD KNOW, DUCK AVENGER! THERE ARE FEW *PLACES* I *CAN'T* GET TO...

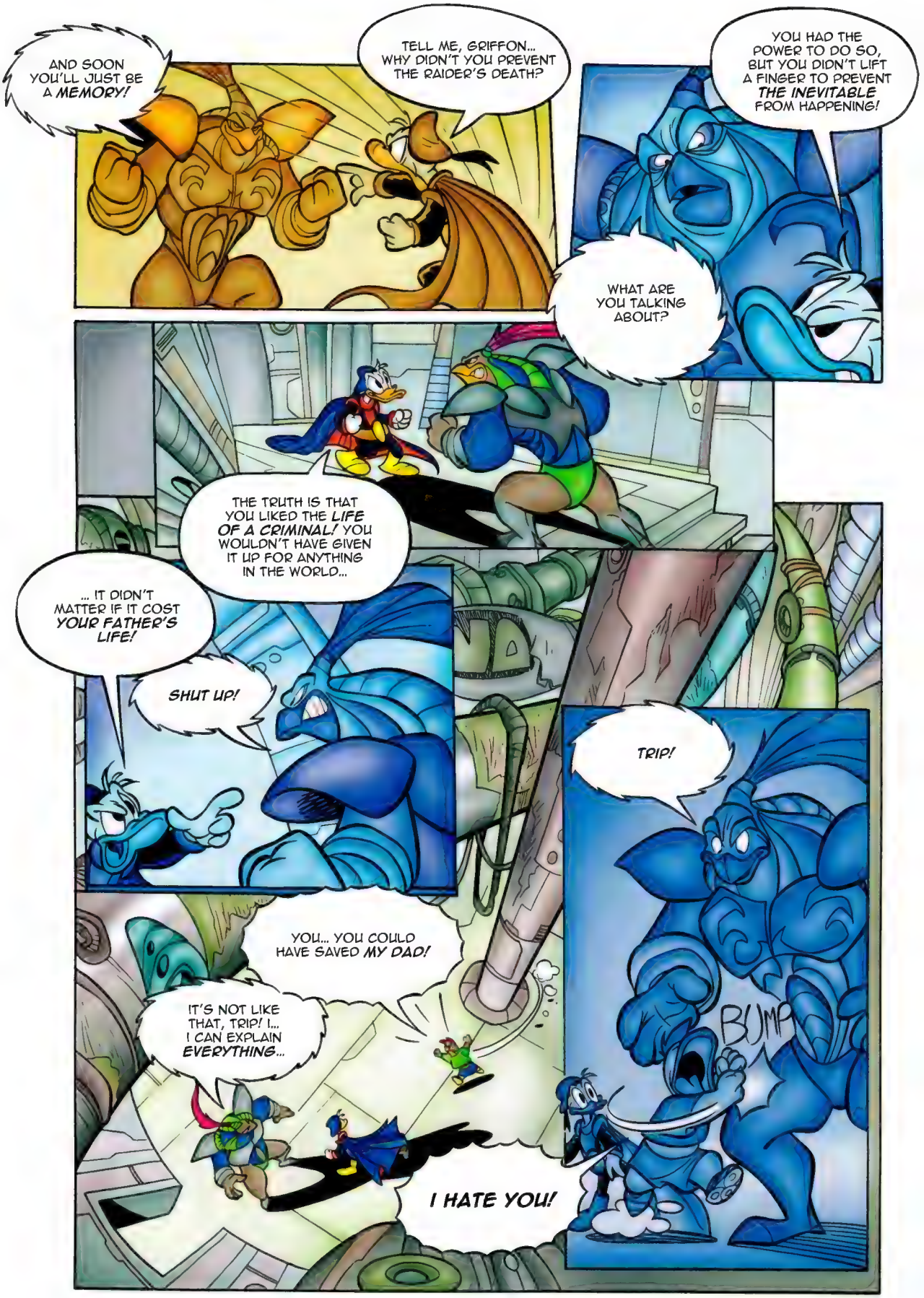
I WAS SURE YOU WOULD HAVE TAKEN REFUGE DOWN HERE! THE POLICE NEVER COMES HERE...
... AND THIS IS THE LAST PLACE WHERE THE GRIFFON AND NEWTON WOULD COME LOOKING!
YOU... YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE! YOU WERE GONE...
I'M OFFENDED, AVENGER! YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I'M A PERSON FULL OF INITIATIVE! I ALWAYS GET BY! I HAVE NINE LIVES LIKE CATS...
... AND LIKE CATS I ALWAYS LAND ON MY FEET!
AND NOT EMPTY-HANDED. THIS IS FOR YOU, SON! I KNOW YOU ALWAYS WANTED A...
DO YOU LIKE IT?
A NEW CHRONOSAIL! IT'S INCRED-IBLE...
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU! I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO COME SO SOON!
YOU'RE NOT MY FATHER.
GET AWAY FROM HIM, TRIP!

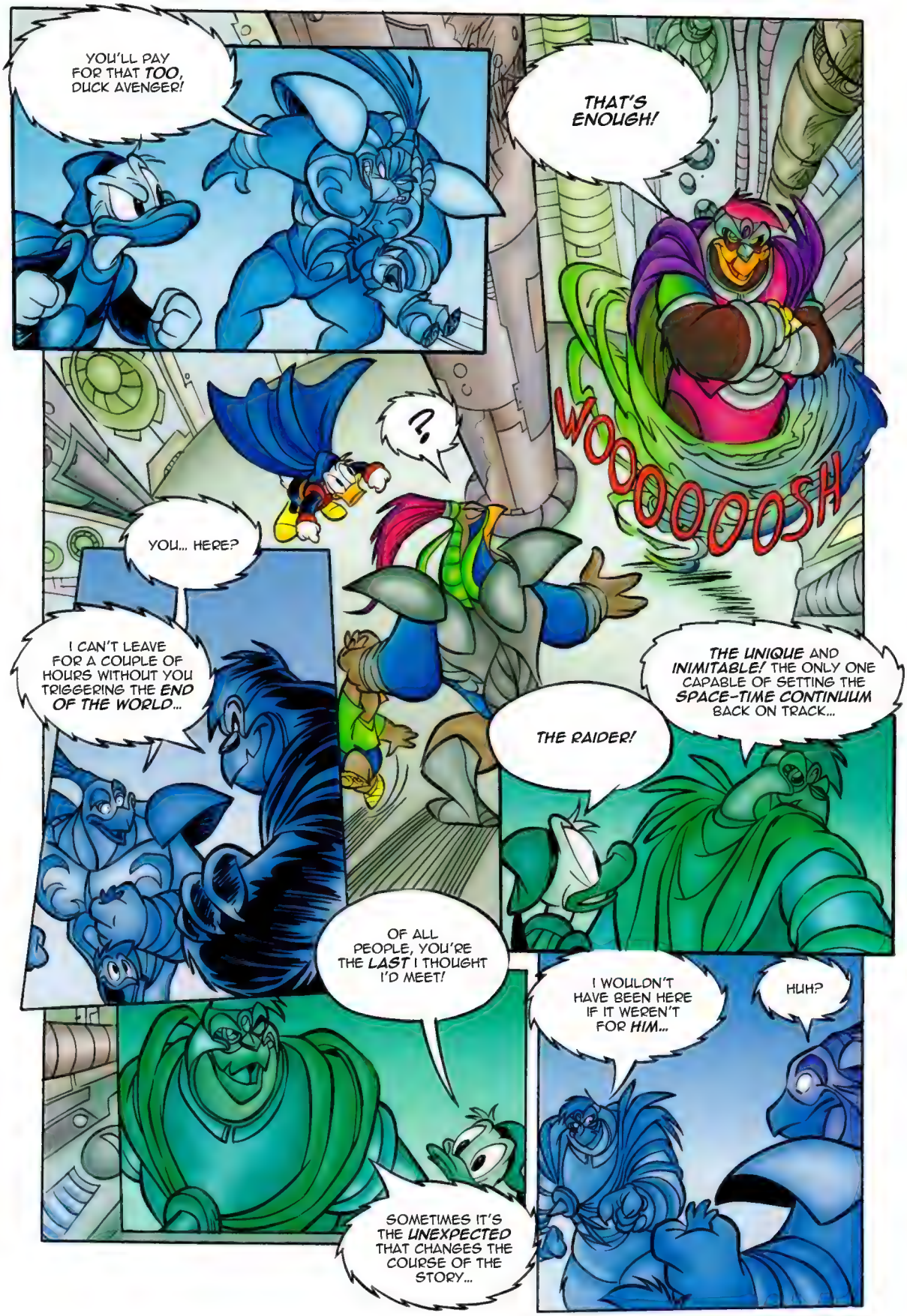
DAD WOULD NEVER HAVE GIVEN ME A CHRONOSAIL!
BWZZ
SO YOU SAY... HE MIGHT HAVE!
KSSSSSSSS
!
GET HIM, NEWTIE!
CRAWK
NO!
FSSS KLUNG
UNF!
NICE WORK, KID!
NOTHING PERSONAL, GRIFFON!
OFF!
KAWOOM

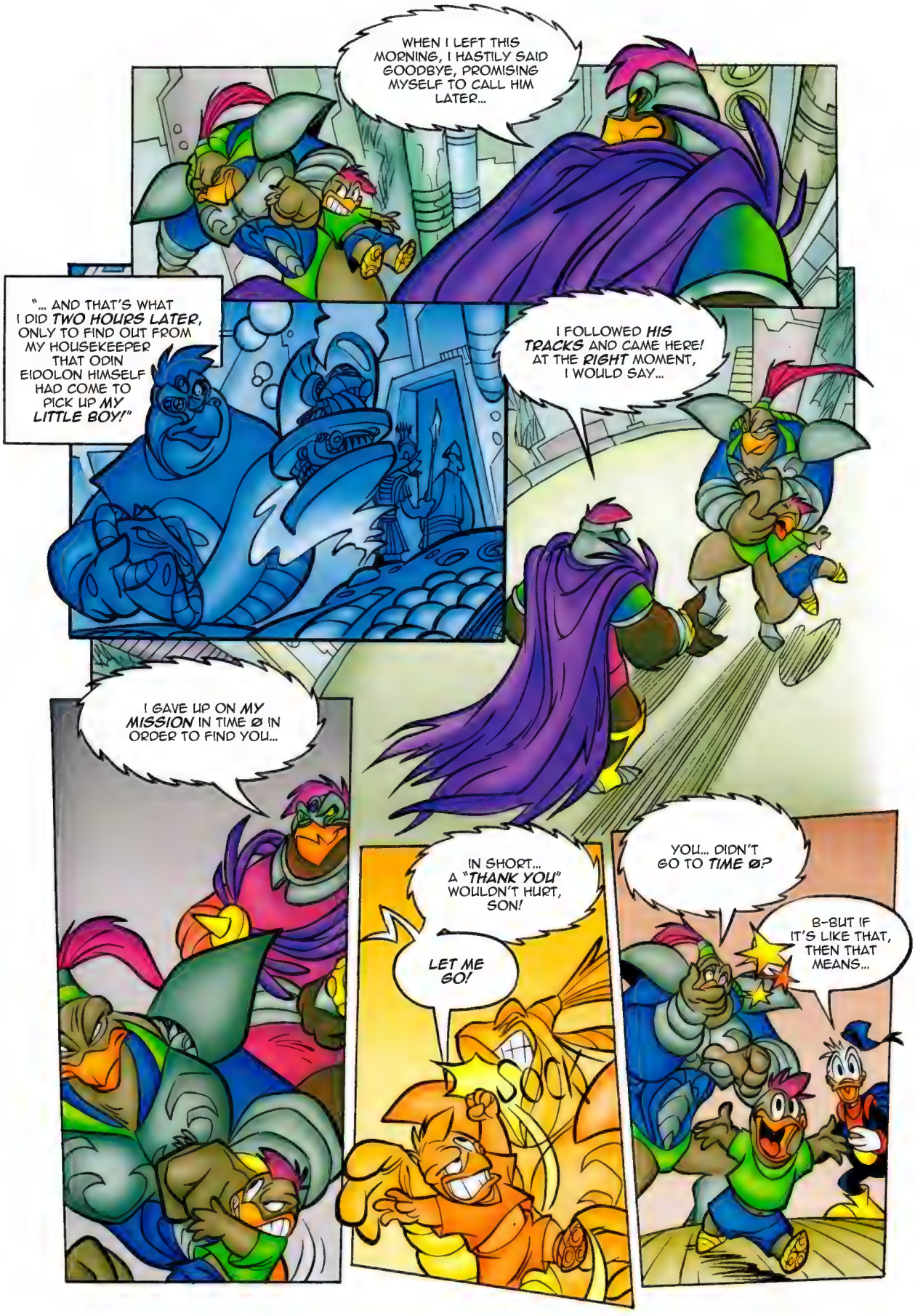
I LIKE TOUGH OPPONENTS. AND, AFTER WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY, I'M SURE YOU'LL FIGHT WITH MORE ANGER...
... AND THEN YOUR DEFEAT WILL BE MORE BEAUTIFUL!
SKRAWG
GET OUT OF HERE! HIDE!
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, TRIP! YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM ME...
... BECAUSE YOU'RE ME! YOU WILL BECOME THE GRIFFON!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
IT'S HIS FAULT THAT DAD DIED! HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS END!
DAD'S... DEAD?
I CAN FEEL YOUR ANGER GROW, DUCK AVENGER... BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR ME!
HA! NERVOUS-NESSNMAKES YOU INACCURATE...
KAWOOOM
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE! COME NO CLOSER!
... AND YOU'LL PAY FOR YOUR MISTAKES!
!
TUD

NOW YOU'RE ALONE, DUCK AVENGER... AA ALONE AS YOU WERE FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, WHEN ONE ABANDONED YOU...
HOW... HOW DO YOU KNOW?
SIMPLE! I TOOK YOUR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE!
"... BUT I DEACTIVATED HIM, TAKING HIS MEMORY BASE! AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LIKE THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE ORGANIZATION!"
ONE TRIED TO STOP ME FROM TRIGGERING THE CHARGE THAT WOULD DESTROY DUCK-LAIR TOWER...
OFF!
"THE COUNCIL APPRECIATED IT TO THE POINT WHERE THEY GAVE ONE A BODY! THUS ODIN EIDOLON WAS BORN..."
HE BECAME A POWERFUL INDUSTRIALIST! HE CREATED A GREAT DROID BUSINESS AND MADE THE ORGANIZATION EVEN STRONGER!
THAT'S... THAT'S ABSURD! YOUR WORLD ISN'T THE ONE I'VE KNOWN...

CHANGING EVENTS IS THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION, BUT THINGS WENT *DIFFERENTLY* WITH ODIN...
KRUMP
EIDOLON SOON REVEALED HIS *ALTER EGO*, A SECRET PERSONALITY KNOWN AS *TWO!*
"THE ORGANIZATION'S TECHNICIANS GAVE HIM LIFE, CREATING *DEUSEMO*... AND THAT WAS A *FATAL MISTAKE!*"
"ODIN AND DEUSEMO UNITED, DISPLACING THE OLD COUNCIL AND TAKING *POWER*..."
YOU'RE LYING! ODIN CAME HERE TO WARN ME! TO *CHANGE THE FUTURE!*
MR. EIDOLON IS A *SOFTIE!* OVER TIME HE DEVELOPED A *SENSE OF GUILT*...
... THAT, HOWEVER *ARTIFICIAL*, WAS GOING TO BE EXTREMELY *DAMAGING!*
BY SAVING TRIP, ODIN TRIED TO UNDO THE PAST!
A USELESS, *NOBLE SACRIFICE!* EIDOLON HAS BEEN *REPROGRAMMED!* HE'S NO LONGER OF ANY HARM TO *ANYONE!*


AND SOON YOU'LL JUST BE A *MEMORY!*
TELL ME, GRIFFON... WHY DIDN'T YOU PREVENT THE RAIDER'S DEATH?
YOU HAD THE POWER TO DO SO, BUT YOU DIDN'T LIFT A FINGER TO PREVENT *THE INEVITABLE* FROM HAPPENING!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU LIKED THE *LIFE OF A CRIMINAL!* YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN IT UP FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD...
... IT DIDN'T MATTER IF IT COST *YOUR FATHER'S LIFE!*
SHUT UP!
TRIP!
BUMP
YOU... YOU COULD HAVE SAVED *MY DAD!*
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, TRIP! I... I CAN EXPLAIN *EVERYTHING...*
I HATE YOU!

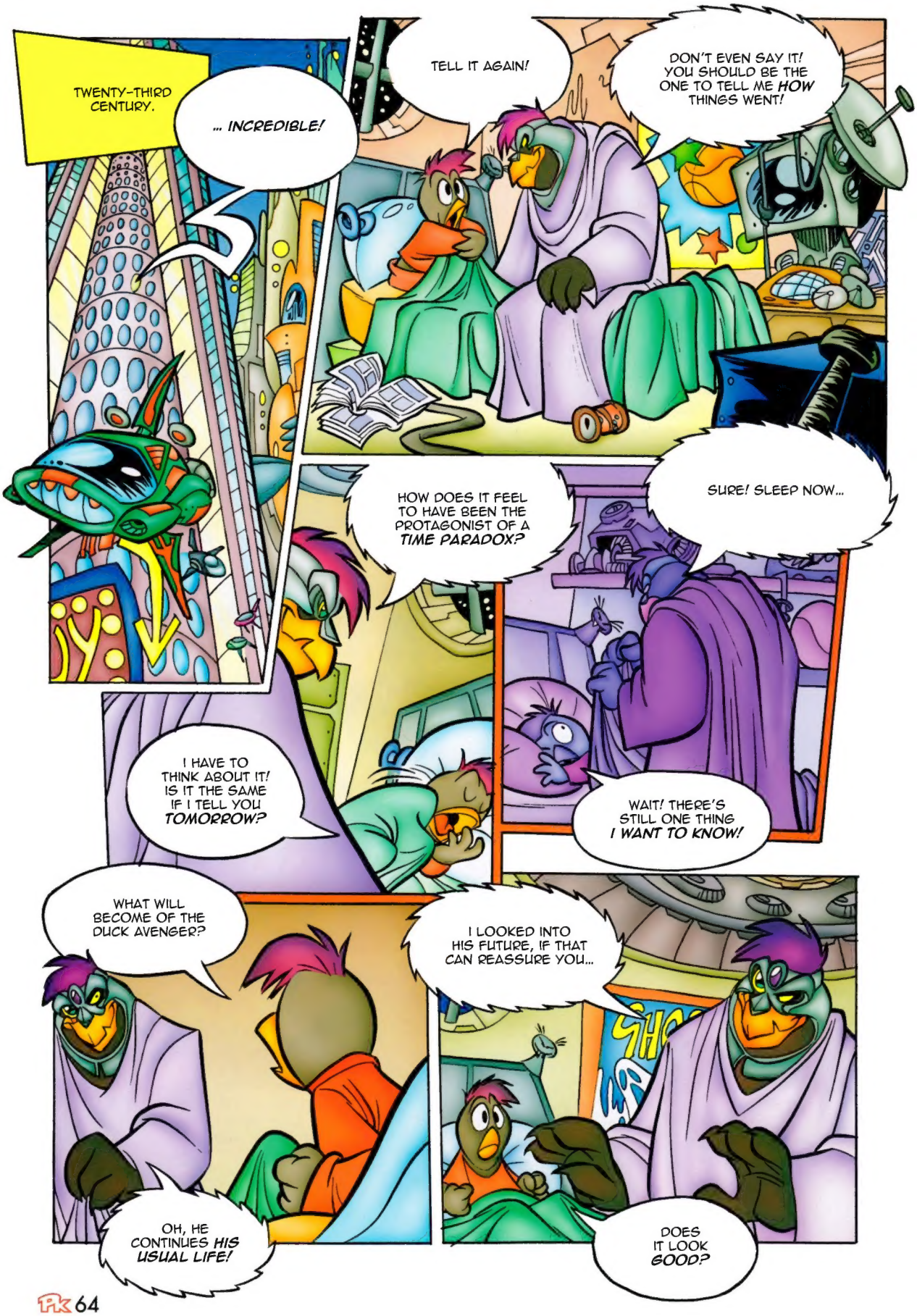

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT TOO, DUCK AVENGER!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
WOOOOOOSH
?
YOU... HERE?
I CAN'T LEAVE FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS WITHOUT YOU TRIGGERING THE END OF THE WORLD...
THE RAIDER!
THE UNIQUE AND INIMITABLE! THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF SETTING THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM BACK ON TRACK...
OF ALL PEOPLE, YOU'RE THE LAST I THOUGHT I'D MEET!
I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN HERE IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM...
HUH?
SOMETIMES IT'S THE UNEXPECTED THAT CHANGES THE COURSE OF THE STORY...


WHEN I LEFT THIS MORNING, I HASTILY SAID GOODBYE, PROMISING MYSELF TO CALL HIM LATER...
"... AND THAT'S WHAT I DID *TWO HOURS LATER*, ONLY TO FIND OUT FROM MY HOUSEKEEPER THAT ODIN EIDOLON HIMSELF HAD COME TO PICK UP *MY LITTLE BOY!*"
I FOLLOWED *HIS TRACKS* AND CAME HERE! AT THE *RIGHT* MOMENT, I WOULD SAY...
I GAVE UP ON *MY MISSION* IN TIME Ø IN ORDER TO FIND YOU...
IN SHORT... A "*THANK YOU*" WOULDN'T HURT, SON!
LET ME GO!
YOU... DIDN'T GO TO *TIME Ø*?
B-BUT IF IT'S LIKE THAT, THEN THAT MEANS...

DAD!
COME HERE, TRIP!
THE PATHS OF TIME ARE INSIDIOUS ROADS ALWAYS READY TO CONFUSE THE DISCERNING TRAVELER.
BUT TODAY THE STORY HAS TAKEN A DEFINITIVE TURN, BECAUSE A BOY HAS MADE A CHOICE...
THE RAIDER KNOWS IT.
... A CHOICE THAT WILL CHANGE THE COURSE OF THINGS. FOREVER.
I'LL NEVER BE LIKE YOU!
NOTHING OF WHAT YOU SAW WILL EVER BE.
NOTHING.

THIS FUTURE WILL MELT LIKE SNOW IN THE SUN.
START

THAT WHICH HAS JUST FINISHED IS *THE DAY THAT WILL NEVER BE.*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... INCREDIBLE!
TELL IT AGAIN!
DON'T EVEN SAY IT! YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO TELL ME HOW THINGS WENT!
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE BEEN THE PROTAGONIST OF A TIME PARADOX?
SURE! SLEEP NOW...
I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT! IS IT THE SAME IF I TELL YOU TOMORROW?
WAIT! THERE'S STILL ONE THING I WANT TO KNOW!
WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE DUCK AVENGER?
I LOOKED INTO HIS FUTURE, IF THAT CAN REASSURE YOU...
OH, HE CONTINUES HIS USUAL LIFE!
DOES IT LOOK GOOD?

CERTAINLY! HE'S COME OUT N ONE PIECE FROM EACH ADVENTURE, LIKE ONLY REAL HEROES DO!
HE'LL EVEN PULL IT THROUGH WHEN THE TIME POLICE WILL PROCESS HIM FOR SOME SMALL MESS THAT HAPPENED LONG AGO.
AND WILL YOU HELP HIM?
NO, BUT I'LL MAKE SURE TO GET HIM A GOOD LAWYER!
I'VE HEARD GOOD THINGS ABOUT A CERTAIN PHOTOMAS...
THAT'S GOOD!
I WANT TO BE LIKE THE AVENGER WHEN I GROW UP!
FORGET IT! YOU'RE NEVER GONNA BE A SUPERHERO!
YES I WILL!
NO YOU WON'T!
WANT TO BET?
GO GET PEN AND PAPER, BOY.

"I WILL NEVER BE A SUPERHERO."
WRITE THAT A HUNDRED TIMES BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP!
THIS IS RIDICULOUS! WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE?
GET TO IT, SON!
"I WILL NEVER BE A SUPERHERO"! HA! THIS WON'T MAKE ME CHANGE MY MIND!
I FORGOT... VOCALS IN RED, CONSONANTS IN BLUE.
SKRATCH
SFRUSH
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